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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Dudley Blvd Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 131-5.21, DOT No. 924930L, in Sacramento County

Dear Mr. Hersh:

This refers to your letter received by us on October 21, 2010 requesting authorization by McClellan Park, LLC (MBP), pursuant to Commission General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter an at-grade highway-rail crossing of MBP track [operated by the Sacramento Valley Railroad (SAVR)] in the County of Sacramento. The crossing is identified as Dudley Blvd Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 131-5.21, DOT No. 924930L.

The crossing is currently a single track crossing equipped with two Commission Standard 1-R (crossbuck sign on a post) warning devices. At this location, Dudley Blvd is a four-lane road running east/west with the tracks crossing the road at an approximate 40 degree skew. SAVR runs approximately 4 trains per day at a maximum speed of 10 mph over the crossing.

The proposed alteration as indicated in the request letter and/or shown in the attachments shall consist of:

- Reconstructing the crossing in place, with new ballast, track and pre-cast reinforced concrete crossing panels;
- The existing Commission Standard 1-R warning devices shall be replaced with new curbmounted Commission Standard 9-A (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm and additional flashing light signals over the roadway on a cantilevered arm) warning devices;
- Addition of median mounted Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning devices on both approaches. All warning devices will be outfitted with 12" LED flashers.
- A new pedestrian walkway shall be installed across the tracks on the south side of the crossing, adjacent to Dudley Blvd. Americans with Disabilities Act compliant detectable warning tactile warning strips shall be placed on both side walk approaches. The strips shall

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be placed a minimum of 12 feet from the track, as measured perpendicular from the nearest track.

- Addition of a raised 12 foot wide center median that shall extend approximately 150 feet on the east side of the crossing and over 300 feet on the west side. Landscaping and vegetation in the median shall be restricted to no more than 3 feet in height at any time.
- An active advance warning flasher shall be installed in conjunction with a California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) W10-12 skewed crossing sign on the westbound approach to the crossing, in accordance with CA MUTCD guidelines.

MBP states in its GO88-B request letter that the project will improve public safety at the crossing, enhancing traffic circulation within the business park and providing new bicycle and pedestrian access for the public.

Staff has investigated MBP's request, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As MBP, SAVR and the County of Sacramento are in agreement as to the design and apportionments of the cost under the provisions of GO 88-B, you may proceed with the improvements as described in your request letter and attachments, and summarized above.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with section 8A.05, Temporary Traffic Control Zones, of the CA MUTCD, published by the California Department of Transportation.

All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders and CA MUTCD.

This project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environment Quality Act of 1970, as amended [California Public Resources Code 21084].

This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with or if the work is not completed within two years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to this office, the time to complete the project may be extended. Any written request for a time extension must include concurrence letters by involved parties in support of the time extension. If an extension is requested, the Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Section (RCES) may reevaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

Within 30 days after completion of this project, MBP shall notify RCES that the authorized work is completed, by submitting a completed Commission Standard Form G titled *Report of Changes at Highway Grade Crossings and Separations*. Form G requirements and forms can be obtained at the CPUC web site Form G page at <u>http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/static/transportation/crossings/formg.htm</u> This report may be submitted electronically to <u>rces@cpuc.ca.gov</u> as outlined on the web page.

If you have any questions, please contact David Stewart at (916) 928-2515 or atm@cpuc.ca.gov .

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Sincerely,

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