

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the North Street Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 108AE-85.20, DOT No. 750926M in the City of Woodland, Yolo County**

Dear Ms. Ayón:

This refers to your letter dated February 15, 2011 and received by us on February 16, 2011 requesting authorization by the City of Woodland (City), pursuant to Commission General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter an at-grade highway-rail crossing in the City, Yolo County. The crossing is identified as North Street Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 108AE-85.20, DOT No. 750926M.

The crossing is currently a single track crossing equipped with two curb mounted Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning devices. At this location, North Street is a two-lane road running east/west with the tracks crossing the road at an approximate 90 degree angle. The crossing is approximately 20 feet west of the intersection of North Street and East Street. California Northern Railroad Co. (CNRR) runs approximately 4 trains per day at a maximum speed of 20 mph over the crossing.

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

- Realigning Lemen Avenue on the east side of East Street to be directly opposite of North Street;
- Signalizing the new 4-way intersection;
- Providing simultaneous traffic signal pre-emption;
- Installing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant detectable warning tactile strips on all sidewalk approaches. The strips shall be placed across the entire width of the pedestrian pathway a minimum of 12 feet from the nearest rail. Due to constraints dictated by the placement of the ADA ramp for the crosswalk in the southwest corner of the intersection, the ADA strips for the crossing shall be placed 9 feet from the nearest rail on that sidewalk approach to the crossing;
- Addition of RXR pavement markings on the Lemen Avenue approach east of East Street, as well as the northbound left turn lane of East Street at the intersection; and
- Addition of W10-2 signs along East Street approaches to North Street (See CA MUTCD Section 8B.04 and figures 8B-2 and 8B-6).

All pavement markings and advance warning signs shall be placed in accordance with the CAMUTCD.

The City states in its GO88-B request letter that “The improvements will enhance safety and relieve congestion.”

Staff has investigated the City’s request, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the City and CNRR 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 three 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, the City 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:

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/static/transportation/crossings/formg.htm>. This report may be submitted electronically to [rces@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:rces@cpuc.ca.gov) as outlined on the web page.

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

Sincerely,



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C: Don Seil, CNRR