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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter Miner Avenue Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 001BEL-83.74-B, DOT Crossing No. 752894R, in the City of Stockton, San Joaquin County

Dear Mr. Pennino:

This refers to your letter dated July 29, 2011 and received by us on August 3, 2011 requesting authorization, pursuant to Commission General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the grade separated crossing of Miner Avenue in the City of Stockton (City), San Joaquin County. The crossing is identified as Miner Avenue Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 001BEL-83.74-B, DOT No. 752894R.

The crossing is currently a double track grade-separated crossing. At this location, Miner Avenue is a four-lane road running east/west. Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) is the operator of the rail line. Rail service at this crossing is approximately 42 trains per day, mixed freight and passenger at a maximum speed of 35 mph.

The proposed project consists of extending the existing San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRR) station track and platform approximately 400 feet to the north of the existing station track end, necessitating widening of the existing UPRR bridge structure. The existing bridge structure over Miner Avenue will be widened to accommodate the additional station track and platform.

SJRR states in its request letter that "Extension of the Cabral Station platform will allow the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRR) and the Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) to provide station access to large consists. The extension of the station platform will also prevent ACE Trains from blocking the crossing at Weber Street while boarding and alighting passengers."

Staff has investigated the SJRR's request, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the SJRR, the City and UPRR 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.

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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 statutorily exempt from the requirements of the California Environment Quality Act of 1970, as amended [California Public Resources Code 21080(b)(10)].

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 SJRRC 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 as outlined on the web page.

Upon completion of the project UPRR should submit an updated FRA inventory form to the Federal Railroad Administration. CPUC requests a concurrent copy of the updated inventory form be submitted to rces@cpuc.ca.gov.

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

Sincerely,



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