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President  
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**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter White Rock Road Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 130AH-117.90, DOT No. 753561T in the County of Sacramento**

Dear Mr. Rose:

This refers to your letter signed on August 22, 2011 and received by us on August 23, 2011 requesting authorization, pursuant to Commission General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the at-grade crossing of White Rock Road in the County of Sacramento (County). The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 130AH-117.90, DOT No. 753561T.

The crossing is currently an out of service, single track crossing with no warning devices. Placerville & Sacramento Valley Railroad (PSVR) plan to bring the crossing back into service and equip it with two Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning devices. At this location, White Rock Road is a two-lane road running east/west. The Sacramento-Placerville Transportation Corridor Joint Powers Authority (SPJX) owns the track and PSVR will operate over this crossing. Rail service at this crossing will generally consist of weekend excursion trips at a maximum speed of 25 mph.

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

- Widening the existing roadway from 20' to 24';
- Installing two Commission Standard 9 warning devices;
- Installing new pavement markings and signs as shown in the plans.

PSVR states in its GO88-B request letter that "Safety of the crossing will be improved by the installation of improved warning devices that will alert vehicular traffic of approaching trains."

Staff has investigated the PSVR's request, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the PSVR and the County 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 statutorily 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 PSVR 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.

Within 30 days after completion of the work under this order, PSVR shall notify the Federal Railroad Administration of the reopening of the crossing by submitting a U.S.DOT CROSSING INVENTORY FORM, form FRA F6180.71. A copy is to be provided concurrently to the Commission's Consumer Protection and Safety Division – Rail Crossings Engineering Section. This copy of the form may be submitted electronically to [rces@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:rces@cpuc.ca.gov).

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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