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Grand Avenue Overpass
City of Industry, Los Angeles County

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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Grade-Separated Crossing of Union Pacific Railroad Company's Alhambra Subdivision Tracks and Grand Avenue, CPUC Crossing Number 001B-508.50-A and DOT Number 753710S, in City of Industry, Los Angeles County

Dear Mr. Cheung:

This refers to your letter, dated November 11, 2011 (received on January 3, 2012), requesting authorization, pursuant to Commission General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the existing grade separated crossing of Union Pacific Railroad Company's (UPRR) Alhambra Subdivision tracks and Grand Avenue in the City of Industry (City), Los Angeles County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001B-508.50-A and DOT No. 753710S.

Grand Avenue grade-separated overpass is a five lane roadway that crosses over one UPRR main line track. In addition to UPRR freight trains, the National Passenger Railroad Corporation (Amtrak) operates passenger trains over the main line.

UPRR proposes the following alteration:

- Install a new second mainline track across and underneath the Grand Avenue overpass 20.0 feet from center line of track, north of the existing main line track.

The project proposes a minimum horizontal clearance of 25 feet between the existing UPRR's main line track 1 and the existing southerly pier and a minimum vertical clearance of 22.98 feet from top of rail of main track 2 to bottom of bridge structure. The existing Grand Avenue Overhead Bridge, complies with the minimum clearance requirements specified in the Commission General Order (GO) 26-D of 22 feet 6 inches for vertical clearance, therefore this authorization does not require temporary or permanent clearance deviations.

The Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Section (RCES) investigated the request by UPRR, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As UPRR and City are in agreement as to the design and apportionments of the cost under the provisions of GO 88-B, the improvements as described in your request dated November 11, 2011 and summarized above are authorized. .

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD), published by the California Department of Transportation. All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders and CA MUTCD.

As modification of an existing grade-separated crossing, this project is statutorily exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended. [California Public Resources Code 21080.13]

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, RCES may reevaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

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

UPRR should also submit an updated FRA inventory form to the Federal Railroad Administration, reflecting the changes. CPUC requests a concurrent copy of the updated inventory form be submitted to rces@cpuc.ca.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Lay at 213-576-1399 or bl@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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