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Ramona Avenue Overpass
City of Montclair, San Bernardino County

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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Grade-Separated Highway-Rail Crossing of Union Pacific Railroad Company's Alhambra Subdivision and Los Angeles Subdivision Tracks and Ramona Avenue, CPUC Crossing Number 001B-516.87-A/003-34.50-A and DOT Number 412518W, in City of Montclair, San Bernardino County

Dear Mr. Cheung:

This refers to your letter, dated February 6, 2012 (received on February 9, 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 and Los Angeles Subdivision tracks and Ramona Avenue in the City of Montclair (City), San Bernardino County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001B-516.87-A/003-34.50-A and DOT No. 412518W.

Ramona Avenue grade-separated overpass is a four lane roadway that crosses over two UPRR main line tracks, one on the Alhambra Subdivision and one on the Los Angeles Subdivision. In addition to approximately 36 UPRR freight trains per day, the National Passenger Railroad Corporation (Amtrak) operates approximately one passenger trains per day over the Alhambra Subdivision main line.

UPRR proposes the following alteration:

- Install a new second main line track, across and underneath the existing Ramona Avenue overpass, south of the existing Alhambra main line track at approximately 15 feet from center line of track to center line of track.

The project proposes a minimum horizontal clearance of approximately 16 feet between the new UPRR's lead track and the nearest pier and a minimum vertical clearance of 23 feet 0 inches above Ramona Avenue to remain the same. The existing Ramona Avenue overhead structure vertical clearance, complies with the minimum clearance requirements specified in the Commission General Order (GO) 26-D of 22 feet 6 inches for vertical clearance and 8 feet 6 inches for horizontal 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 February 6, 2012 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.

At the conclusion of the project, 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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