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March 16, 2012

File Number: G.12-02-011 Bon View Avenue City of Ontario, San Bernardino County

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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Highway-Rail Crossing of Union Pacific Railroad Company's Alhambra Subdivision Tracks and Bon View Avenue, CPUC Crossing Number 001B-520.90 and DOT Number 746948F, in City of Ontario, San Bernardino County

Dear Mr. Cheung:

This refers to your letter, dated January 16, 2012 (received on February 6, 2012), requesting authorization, pursuant to Commission General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the existing at-grade crossing of Union Pacific Railroad Company's (UPRR) Alhambra Subdivision tracks and Bon View Avenue in the City of Ontario (City), San Bernardino County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001B-520.90 and DOT No. 746948F.

Bon View Avenue is a two lane roadway that crosses over one UPRR main line track and is equipped with two curb mounted Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) with advance warning signage and pavement markings. In addition to approximately 36 UPRR freight trains per day, the National Passenger Railroad Corporation (Amtrak) operates approximately one passenger train per day over this main line.

UPRR proposes the following alteration to the Bon View crossing:

- Install a new second main line track, south of the existing main line track, 20-feet from center line of track to center line of track;
- Remove the existing two Commission Standard 9 warning devices;
- Install two new Commission Standard 9 warning devices with 12-inch LED flashing lights, one for each approach;
- Construct an 8-inch in height, 3-feet in width and 100-feet in length raised center median for both approaches to the crossing;
- Install Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complaint sidewalks on both sides of the crossing;
- InstallADA compliant detectable warning tactile strips on all sidewalk approaches to the crossing;
- Install concrete crossing panels for the new main line track; and

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• Application of MUTCD compliant signage, and pavement markings per plans, including W10-1 and W10-2 advance warning signs, W48 (CA) 2 tracks signs and RxR pavement markings.

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 January 16, 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.

This project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental 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, 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 <a href="http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/formg">http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/formg</a>. This report may be submitted electronically to <a href="recorder-

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 <a href="mailto:rees@cpuc.ca.gov">rees@cpuc.ca.gov</a>.

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Lay at 213-576-1399 or <a href="mailto:bll@cpuc.ca.gov">bll@cpuc.ca.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

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