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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter Farmington Road Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 002-1117.90, DOT No. 029578C in the City of Stockton, County of San Joaquin

Dear Ms. Toles:

This refers to your letter dated February 24, 2012 and received by us on February 24, 2012 requesting authorization, pursuant to Commission General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the at-grade highway-rail crossing of Farmington Road in the City of Stockton (City), San Joaquin County (County). The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 002-1117.90, DOT No. 029578C.

The crossing is currently a double track crossing equipped with two Commission Standard 9-A (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm and additional flashing light signals over the roadway on a cantilevered arm) and two Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning devices. At this location, Farmington Road is a four lane road running east/west. Rail service at this crossing is approximately 33 trains per day, mixed freight and passenger at a maximum speed of 79 mph.

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

- Re-align State Route 4, east of the at-grade crossing at Farmington Road and construct a new signalized intersection of State Route 4 (Golden Gate Road) and Farmington Road approximately 260 feet east from the crossing and provide 46 seconds of advanced pre-emption timing.
- Increase the pre-emption timing at the existing signalized intersection of Farmington Road and Stage Coach Road from 30 seconds to 42 seconds and implement advance preemption mode instead of the existing simultaneous preemption mode.

Caltrans states in its GO88-B request letter that "This project will relieve traffic congestion, improve traffic safety conditions and increase capacity by adding lanes in the median on Route 99 and constructing a new interchange linking Route 99 to Route 4."

Staff has investigated the Caltrans request, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the BNSF, the City, the County, and Caltrans 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 categorically 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 Caltrans 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 BNSF 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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