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File Number: G.12-02-019
City of Norwalk, Los Angeles County

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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Bloomfield Avenue At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001BK-4.99.90 and DOT Crossing No. 748122Y in the City of Norwalk, Los Angeles County.

Dear Ms. Tong:

This refers to your letter, dated February 8, 2012 (received on February 15, 2012), requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the existing Bloomfield Avenue at-grade crossing (crossing) of the Union Pacific Railroad Company's (UPRR) Santa Ana Branch tracks in the City of Norwalk (City), Los Angeles County. The crossing is currently identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001BK-499.90 and DOT Crossing No. 748122Y.

The Bloomfield Avenue at-grade crossing is a 4 lane roadway traversing one freight track. The crossing is located approximately 250 feet south of the Rosecrans Avenue/Bloomfield Avenue intersection (south leg). The freight track crosses Bloomfield Avenue from northwest to southeast at an approximate 60 degree angle. Currently the crossing is equipped with two curb mounted and two median mounted Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning devices. In addition, advance warning pavement markings and signage are also present. The crossing is currently not interconnected with the traffic signal at the Rosecrans Avenue/Bloomfield Avenue intersection. Currently, there are two train movements per day, Monday through Friday, at approximately 15 to 20 miles per hour.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has a construction project to widen Interstate Route 5 (I-5) through the City of Norwalk. Part of its project involves modifications to the adjacent intersection of Rosecrans Avenue/ Bloomfield Avenue.

Specifically, Caltrans proposes the following modifications at the Bloomfield Avenue crossing:

- Realign the north leg of the intersection and extend the Bloomfield Avenue improvements under the I-5 Freeway;
- Reconstruct the traffic signal facilities at the Rosecrans Avenue/ Bloomfield Avenue intersection;
- Provide interconnection of the Rosecrans Avenue/ Bloomfield Avenue intersection traffic signals and the crossing warning devices with advance preemption; and
- Install California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control (CA MUTCD) compliant signage and pavement markings, including W10-1 advance warning signs, W48 (CA) 1 track signs, and RxR pavement markings.

The Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Section (RCES) investigated the request by Caltrans and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As Caltrans, UPRR and the City are in agreement as to the design and apportionments of the cost under the provisions of GO 88-B, the modifications as described in your request dated February 8, 2012 and summarized above are authorized.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with 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 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 RCES, 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, Caltrans 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 submit an updated FRA inventory form to the Federal Railroad Administration, reflecting the changes and addition of preemption to the crossing. Commission requests a concurrent copy of the updated inventory form be submitted to rces@cpuc.ca.gov.

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If you have any questions, please contact Jose Pereyra at 213-576-7083 or jfp@cpuc.ca.gov .

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daren Gilbert". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "D".

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