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East End Underpass
City of Pomona, 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 East End Avenue, CPUC Crossing Number 001B-515.90-B / 003-33.50-B and DOT Number 924203H, in City of Pomona, Los Angeles County

Dear Mr. Cheung:

This refers to your letter, dated January 11, 2012 (received on March 1, 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 East End Avenue in the City of Pomona (City), Los Angeles County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001B-515.90-B / 003-33.50-B and DOT No. 924203H.

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

UPRR proposes the following alteration:

- Install a new main line track, across the existing railroad bridge structure and above East End Avenue, south of the existing Alhambra main line 1 track at approximately 20 feet from center line of track to center line of new track.

The project proposes a minimum horizontal clearance of approximately 10-feet 9-inches between the existing UPRR's main track and the nearest railing and minimum vertical clearance of 16-feet 6-inches above East End Avenue to remain the same. The existing East End Avenue overpass structure, complies with the minimum clearance requirements specified in Commission General Order (GO) 26-D, 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 January 11, 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 Commission 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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