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File Number: G.12-03-010
Main Street
City of Grand Terrace, Riverside County

Richard Shields
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City of Grand Terrace
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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Highway-Rail Crossing of Union Pacific Railroad Company's Riverside Branch Subdivision Tracks and Main Street, CPUC Crossing Number 001BJ-542.20 and DOT Number 747051B, in City of Grand Terrace, Riverside County

Dear Mr. Shields:

This refers to your letter, dated March 19, 2012 (received on March 20, 2012), requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the existing at-grade crossing of Union Pacific Railroad Company's (UPRR) Riverside Branch Subdivision tracks and Main Street in the City of Grand Terrace (City), Riverside County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001BJ-542.20 and DOT No. 747051B.

Main Street is a two lane roadway that crosses over one UPRR track and is equipped with two curb mounted Commission Standard 8 (flashing light signal assembly) with advance warning signage and pavement markings. Approximately 2 UPRR freight trains operate per day over this branch line.

The City with cooperation from the Colton Joint Unified School District (CJUSD) proposes the following alteration to the Main Street crossing as part of the City's and CJUSD's project to construct a new High School east of the crossing:

- Install curb ramps, curb, gutter and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant 6-foot wide sidewalk on the north side of the crossing;
- Install ADA compliant detectable warning tactile strips on all sidewalk approaches to the crossing for the north sidewalk;
- Install asphalt crossing surface; and
- Install California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) compliant signage and pavement markings, including W10-1 advance warning signs, and R15-8 'LOOK' regulatory signage.

In addition to the above, UPRR has received approval from the Surface Transportation Board for the abandonment of the Riverside Branch Subdivision line from the City of Colton to the City of Riverside from milepost 540.15 to 543.88 and 544.56 to 545.83. The Main Street crossing is located within the first portion of the abandonment. The abandonment of the railroad line will not occur until BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) and UPRR have executed a haulage/trackage rights agreement to have BNSF provide service to the existing Riverside Branch Subdivision customers and for BNSF and the Riverside County Transportation Commission to construct a track connection at Marlborough Avenue to provide BNSF access to the lower end of the Riverside branch line to serve the customers thereon. Until the abandonment of Riverside Branch Subdivision line is completed, UPRR has agreed to implement a temporary "Stop and Proceed Order" for trains that traverse this crossing. The City and CJUSD also agreed to provide a uniformed guard to assist students in crossing the railroad crossing during school and event operating hours in the morning and evening. This uniformed guard shall be present until the abandonment process of the Riverside Branch Subdivision line by UPRR is complete.

The Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Section (RCES) investigated the request by City, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the City, CJUSD and UPRR 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 March 19, 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 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, City and/or 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.

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If you have any questions, please contact Bill Lay at 213-576-1399 or bl@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 "D" and "G".

Daren Gilbert, Manager
Rail Transit and Crossings Branch
Consumer Protection and Safety Division

C: Kenneth Tom, UPRR, 2015 S. Willow Avenue, Bloomington, CA 92316
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