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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter CR 105/32A Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 001A-79.20 and DOT No. 751224V in the County of Yolo

Dear Ms. Comingore:

This refers to your letter dated June 5, 2012, received by us on June 7, 2012, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the at-grade highway rail crossing of CR 105/32A in the County of Yolo (County). The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001A-79.20 and DOT No. 751224V.

The CR 105/32A crossing is currently a three track crossing equipped with two curb mounted Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning devices. At this location, CR 105/32A is a two-lane road running north/south. The Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) runs approximately 30 freight trains per day at a maximum speed of 60 mph over the crossing. Amtrak runs approximately 32 passenger trains per day at a maximum speed of 79 mph over the crossing.

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

- Installing guardrail along CR 32A in the southwest and southeast quadrants;
- Restriping the approach lanes of CR 32A to a width of 11 feet;
- Removing and reinstalling the existing rumble strips with new ones and adding additional rumble strips on the westbound approach of CR 32A.
- Replace pavement markings in all approach directions as shown in the plans.

The County states in its GO88-B request letter that "The public will benefit from the proposed project through improvements to public safety. The installation of the guardrail is intended to reduce the possibility of drivers getting high centered on the railroad tracks and maintaining the motorists on the road. The realignment of the pavement striping will also aid in directing the motorists to stay within the lines and pavement."

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Commission's Rail Crossing Engineering Section (RCES) staff has investigated the County's request, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the County and UPRR 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, attachments, and summarized above.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with Section 8A.05, Temporary Traffic Control Zones, of 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 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 RCES staff may reevaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

Within 30 days after completion of this project, the County 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.

If you have any questions, please contact David Stewart at (916) 928-2515 or atm@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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C: James H. Smith, UPRR