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File No. G.12-06-019

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Market Avenue Highway–Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 001A- 13.60 and DOT No. 751692P, in the County of Contra Costa.

Dear Mr. Emigh:

This refers to your letter dated June 25, 2012, received by us on June 28, 2012, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Market Avenue at-grade highway-rail crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) track in the County of Contra Costa (County). The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001A-13.60 and DOT No. 751692P.

In light of the unexpected finding of a PG&E gas transmission line at the proposed location of the Commission Standard 9-A (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm and additional flashing light signals over the roadway on a cantilevered arm) warning device, the County is unable to continue with the design as submitted with GO 88-B request G.12-06-019. The Commission's Rail Crossing Engineering Section (RCES) staff met with the County and UPRR on July 17, 2012 and agreed to an alternative design which will relocate the Commission Standard 9-A warning device and place the sidewalk in front of the Commission Standard 9-A warning device. All other aspects of the design remain the same. RCES staff requested the County submit a new GO 88-B request with the alternative design. RCES staff therefore dismisses the GO 88-B request G.12-06-019 without granting authorization to construct and awaits for the new GO 88-B request with the alternative design to be submitted.

If you have any questions, please contact Felix Ko at (415) 703-3722 or email at felix.ko@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daren Gilbert".

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

Cc: Jim Smith, Union Pacific Railroad