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December 28, 2012

File Number: G.12-08-039
Washington Street
City of San Diego, San Diego County

Julie Ballesteros
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City of San Diego
1222 First Avenue
San Diego, CA 92101

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Washington Street At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, identified as CPUC Crossing No. 106-265.60-C and DOT No. 026946E, in City of San Diego, San Diego County

Dear Ms. Ballesteros:

This refers to your letter, dated July 23, 2012, received on August 21, 2012, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the existing at-grade crossing of the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) Washington Wye Spur railroad track and Washington Street, in City of San Diego, San Diego County, identified as CPUC Crossing No. 106-265.60-C and DOT No. 026946E. The Washington Wye Spur track extends out of the North County Transit District (NTCD) Coaster mainline tracks.

In subsequent communications among MTS, NTCD and the Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Section (RCES), NCTD indicated that the Department of the Navy had terminated its License Agreement for the spur track west of the Pacific Highway right-of-way. The termination obviated the need for the Washington Wye Spur at all. As such, the City of San Diego (City) is no longer pursuing the improvements to the Washington Street crossing as stated in the request letter. Therefore, RCES cannot authorize the City's request.

RCES recommends that NCTD file a Commission Standard Form G titled *Report of Changes at Highway Grade Crossings and Separation*, notifying RCES that the crossings are removed from service, and that the warning devices (including crossing signage and pavement markings) are removed, OR that the warning devices are bagged with a "tracks out-of-service" sign posted (California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices R8-9 sign), within 90 days; and the tracks and crossing surface are removed and restored to roadway authority standards within 24 months of abandonment. Form G requirements and forms can be obtained at the CPUC web site Form G page at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/safety/Rail/Crossings/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 bill.lay@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: Paul C. Jablonski, MTS
Reed Caldwell, NCTD
Omneya Salem, San Diego County Regional Airport Authority