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City of Oxnard, County of Ventura

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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Hueneme Road At-grade Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 045-3.70, DOT No. 869037T in Oxnard, Ventura County.

Dear Mr. Balderrama:

This refers to your letter dated October 8, 2012, received by us on October 8, 2012, requesting authority, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the existing at-grade crossing of Ventura County Railroad (VCRR) Mainline 45 tracks and Hueneme Road in City of Oxnard (City), Ventura County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 045-3.70 and DOT Number 869037T.

The Hueneme Road at-grade crossing is a two lane roadway, one through lane in each direction that crosses over one VCRR mainline track. The crossing is currently equipped with two Commission Standard No. 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning devices, pavement markings and advanced warning signage.

The City proposes the following modifications to the Hueneme Road crossing as part of a larger roadway widening project between Saviors Road and Arcturus Avenue:

- Remove the two existing curb mounted Commission Standard 9 warning devices;
- Install one new curb mounted and one new median mounted Commission Standard 9 warning devices on the northeast quadrant of the crossing for westbound Hueneme Road;
- Install one new curb mounted and one new median mounted Commission Standard 9 warning devices on the southwest quadrant of the crossing for eastbound Hueneme Road;
- Construct a new raised median 8-inches in height, 11-feet in width and 143-feet in length for the eastbound approach to the crossing;
- Construct a new raised median 8-inches in height, 11-feet in width and 637-feet in length for the westbound approach to the crossing;
- Construct Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complaint sidewalks on both sides of the crossing;
- Install ADA compliant detectable warning tactile strips on all sidewalk approaches to the crossing, and

- Install California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) compliant signage including W10-1 and RXX pavement markings, as shown in plans.

The Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Section (RCES) investigated the request filed by the City and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the VCRR 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 October 8, 2012 and summarized above are authorized.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with Section 8A.05, Temporary Traffic Control Zones, of the CA MUTCD, published by the California Department of Transportation. All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders and the 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]

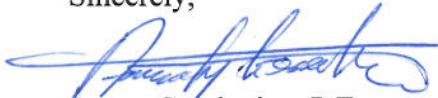
This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with or if the work is not completed within three years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to RCES, the time to complete the project may be extended. Any written request for a time extension must include concurrence 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, the city and/or VCRR 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/PUC/safety/Rail/Crossings/formg>. This report may be submitted electronically to rces@cpuc.ca.gov as outlined on the web page.

At the conclusion of the project, VCRR must also submit an updated FRA inventory form to the Federal Railroad Administration, reflecting the changes. Commission requests a concurrent copy of the updated inventory form be submitted to rces@cpuc.ca.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Sergio Licon at (213) 576-7085 or sal@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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