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State Street
City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles

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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the State Street Crossing, CPUC Crossing Number 101SG-2.01-A and DOT Number 760631X, in the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles

Dear Ms. Jones:

This refers to your letter dated February 15, 2012, received by us on November 19, 2012, requesting authorization, pursuant to the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B to alter the existing grade-separated crossing of State Street and the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) San Gabriel Subdivision tracks in the City of Los Angeles (City), Los Angeles County. The crossing is identified by CPUC Crossing Number 101SG-2.01-A and DOT Number 760631X.

State Street is a four-lane road, two lanes in each direction that crosses over a total of three tracks: two SCRRA mainline tracks and one maintenance track. The overhead bridge is equipped with two sidewalks for pedestrians on both sides of the road. In addition to the SCRRA passenger trains, the Union Pacific Rail Road (UPRR) freight trains operate over the tracks.

The City proposes to widen both sides of the State Street overhead structure to increase the width of the vehicular lanes and sidewalks and add shoulders on both sides of the road. The work will involve widening the existing State Street Overhead by 12 feet 6 inches on the east side and by 10 feet 8 inches on the west side. No temporary impaired vertical or horizontal clearance is requested. The proposed clearances comply with the minimum clearance requirements specified in Commission GO 26-D.

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 City and SCRRA 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 letter dated February 15, 2012 and summarized above are authorized.

During construction, temporary traffic control devices will be in compliance with the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD), published by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including the Commission General Orders and CA MUTCD.

This project is statutorily exempt from the requirements of the California Environment Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as amended. [California Public Resources Code 21080.13]

This authorization shall expire within 3 years of the date of this letter or shall automatically terminate when the above conditions are not complied with. If an extension/revision of this authorization is anticipated, a written request for extension/revision shall be filed with RCES at least 30 days prior to the expiration/termination date. Any written request for an extension/revision shall include concurrence letters by involved parties in support of the extension/revision. If an extension/revision is requested, RCES may reevaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension or require a new authorization, as appropriate.

Within 30 days after completion of this project, the City of Los Angeles 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 Commission web site Form G page at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/crossings>. This report may be submitted electronically to rces@cpuc.ca.gov as outlined on the web page.

At the conclusion of the project, SCRRA should notify the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) of the completion of the crossing alteration by submitting a completed U.S. DOT CROSSING INVENTORY FORM, form FRA F6180.71, for the alteration. The Commission requests that a concurrent copy of that submittal be provided to rces@cpuc.ca.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Oliver Garcia at 213-576-7077 or ogl@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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