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File Number: G.12-11-013
I-215 Ethanac OH
City of Perris, Riverside County

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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Modify the Interstate 215 (Ethanac OH) Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 002X-22.00-A and DOT No. 027353R, in the City of Perris, Riverside County

Dear Mr. Lancaster:

This refers to your letter dated November 6, 2012, received by us on November 14, 2012, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the existing Interstate 215 (Ethanac OH) grade-separated crossing on the San Jacinto Subdivision railroad tracks owned by the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) and operated by BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) in the City of Perris (City), Riverside County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 002X-22.00-A and DOT Number 027353R.

The Ethanac OH grade-separated crossing is a divided interstate highway with four lanes, two lanes in each direction and crosses over one track.

RCTC proposes to widen the Ethanac OH by closing the gap between the two existing structures to provide a total of six lanes, three lanes in each direction.

During construction, the Ethanac OH grade-separated crossing will remain open to all vehicular traffic. As part of the project, RCTC requests a temporary deviation from the vertical clearance requirements of Commission GO 26-D, for an impaired clearance of 22-feet 0-inches above the top rail during construction. Commission GO 26-D, Section 2.1, requires a minimum vertical clearance of 22-feet 6-inches. The overhead bridge structure permanent vertical clearance will be 22-feet 9-inches. BNSF provided concurrence to the proposed modification and impaired temporary vertical clearance during construction.

The Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Section (RCES) investigated the request by RCTC, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As RCTC, California Department of Transportation, and BNSF 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 and summarized above are authorized.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with 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 statutorily exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended. [California Public Resources Code 21080.13]

Pursuant to Commission Resolution SX-76 and Section 16.2 of GO 26-D, RCTC is granted a temporary deviation from GO 26-D, Section 2.1 and is authorized a temporary overhead clearance of not less than 22 feet 0 inches above the top of the highest rail to the lowest of point on the overhead structure during construction, including construction false work.

RCTC shall notify BNSF and the Los Angeles Office of the Commission's Consumer Protection and Safety Division – Rail Operations Safety Branch (ROSB) and Rail Crossings Engineering Section at least 15 days but not more than 30 days in advance of the date when the County will create the temporary reduced vertical clearance. For the Commission, this notification may be submitted electronically to rces@cpuc.ca.gov.

This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with and 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.

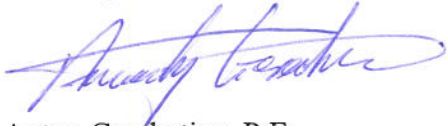
Within 30 days after completion of this project, RCTC shall notify RCES that the authorized work is completed, by submitting a completed Commission Standard Form G title *Report of Changes at Highway Grade Crossings and Separation*. Form G requirements and forms can be obtained at the Commission web 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, RCTC (or BNSF, as appropriate) should submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form to the FRA, 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 Bill Lay at 213-576-1399 or bll@cpuc.ca.gov.

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Sincerely,



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