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City of Visalia, County of Tulare

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**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Modify the Santa Fe Avenue At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 103V-23.70 and DOT No. 028870H in the City of Visalia, Tulare County.**

Dear Mr. Benelli:

This refers to your letter dated January 4, 2013, requesting authorization to amend the GO 88-B authorization (G.11-07-007) dated September 7, 2011, that authorized the City of Visalia (City) to modify the existing at-grade crossing of the San Joaquin Valley Railroad (SJVR) Loma Spur and Santa Fe Avenue in the City of Visalia, Tulare County, identified by CPUC Crossing No. 103V-23.70, DOT No. 028870H.

The California Public Utilities Commission's (Commission) Rail Crossings Engineering Section (RCES) Staff originally authorized modifications to the Santa Fe Avenue crossing to have concrete crossing surface panels. City is requesting to construct the crossing surface with asphalt due to train movement inactivity on the spur line. City has made this request with the stipulation that once the track becomes active again, it will immediately provide funding for the installation of concrete crossing surface panels.

SJVR provided concurrence to the proposed modification of the crossing surface material substitution by letter dated December 17, 2012.

RCES investigated the request filed by the City, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the City and SJVR are all in agreement, the modification as summarized above is authorized.

In all other respects to the original authorization for improvements to the crossing dated September 7, 2011, including its expiration date, remains in full force and affect.

This letter will serve as a reminder that within 30 days after completion of this project, the City of Visalia 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.htm>. This report may be submitted electronically to [rces@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:rces@cpuc.ca.gov) as outlined on the web page.

SJVR should 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](mailto:rces@cpuc.ca.gov).

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

Sincerely,



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Michael Carr, City of Visalia