

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Port of Long Beach  
City of Long Beach, County of Los Angeles

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**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter Four Adjacent, Grade-Separated Crossings within the Port of Long Beach, CPUC Crossing Numbers 120L-19.27-A, 120L-19.30-A, 120L-19.31-A, and 120L-19.32-A, and DOT Numbers 929354P, 929355W, 761569T, and 761566X, in the City of Long Beach, County of Los Angeles**

Dear Mr. Luzzi:

This refers to your letter dated January 7, 2013, received by us on January 7, 2013, requesting authorization, pursuant to the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B to alter four adjacent grade-separated crossings identified as: Freeway 710 Off-Ramp to Ocean Blvd Southbound, Freeway 710 Off-Ramp to Ocean Blvd Northbound, Ocean Blvd Off-Ramp, and Ocean Boulevard, above the Port of Long Beach (POLB) railroad tracks in the City of Long Beach (City), Los Angeles County. The crossings are identified respectively by CPUC Crossing Numbers: 120L-19.27-A, 120L-19.30-A, 120L-19.31-A, and 120L-19.32-A, and DOT Numbers: 929354P, 929355W, 761569T, and 761566X.

The grade-separated overpasses make up part of the interchange roads that connect the 710 Freeway and Ocean Boulevard, and cross over two existing POLB tracks. Another road that runs parallel to the tracks, called the Harbor Scenic Drive Southbound off-ramp, is located to the east. In addition to the POLB freight trains, Pacific Harbor Line (PHL) freight trains operate over this line.

The POLB proposes the following alterations:

- Re-align the Harbor Scenic Drive Southbound off-ramp further east, such that a new main line track may be installed between the off-ramp and existing tracks.
- Install a new main line track, below all four overpass roads, parallel and east of the existing POLB tracks at approximately 30 feet from center line of track to center line of new track.

The project proposes a minimum horizontal clearance of approximately 16-feet 5-inches between the new POLB main track and the nearest structural column, and a minimum vertical clearance of

approximately 24-feet below the lowest overpass structure. 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 POLB and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the POLB and PHL 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 January 7, 2013 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 POLB 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/PUC/safety/Rail/Crossings>. This report may be submitted electronically to [rces@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:rces@cpuc.ca.gov) as outlined on the web page.

At the conclusion of the project, the POLB 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](mailto:rces@cpuc.ca.gov).

If you have any questions, please contact Oliver Garcia at 213-576-7077 or [og1@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:og1@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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