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Pisgah (SR 40)

Unincorporated San Bernardino County

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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Rehabilitate the Pisgah (SR 40) Over Head Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 002-707.10-A and DOT No. 026039D, in Unincorporated Area of San Bernardino County

Dear Ms. Barfield:

This refers to your letter dated January 17, 2013, received by us on January 22, 2013, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to rehabilitate the Pisgah (SR 40) over head (OH) grade-separated crossing on the Barstow via Pasadena to National City Subdivision railroad tracks owned by BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) in unincorporated area of San Bernardino County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 002-707.10-A and DOT Number 026039D.

The SR 40) OH grade-separated crossing is a divided state route with four lanes, two lanes in each direction and crosses over three tracks.

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes the following:

- Clean the structural steel;
- Remove the existing paint; and
- Repaint the existing bridge structure.

During the rehabilitation process, the SR 40 OH grade-separated crossing will remain open to all vehicular traffic. As part of the project, Caltrans will need to erect scaffolding over the railroad tracks and requests a temporary deviation from the vertical clearance requirements of Commission GO 26-D, for an impaired clearance of 21-feet 6-inches above the top rail during the rehabilitation process. Commission GO 26-D, Section 2.1, requires a minimum vertical clearance of 22-feet 6-inches. BNSF provided concurrence to the proposed rehabilitation and impaired temporary vertical clearance during construction.

The Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Section (RCES) investigated the request by Caltrans, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As Caltrans 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 Caltrans. 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, Caltrans is granted a temporary deviation from GO 26-D, Section 2.1 and is authorized a temporary overhead clearance of not less than 21 feet 6 inches above the top of the highest rail to the lowest of point on the overhead structure during the rehabilitation process.

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, Caltrans 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.

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Lay at 213-576-1399 or bll@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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