

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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File Number: G.13-02-001

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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter Aurora Street Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 002-1120.70 and DOT No. 029603H in the City of Stockton, San Joaquin County

Dear Ms. Hardy:

This refers to your letter dated February 4, 2013, received by us on February 8, 2013, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Aurora Street at-grade crossing (crossing) of the BNSF Railroad (BNSF) track in the City of Stockton (City), San Joaquin County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 002-1120.70 and DOT No. 029603H.

The Aurora Street crossing is a four track crossing equipped with two curb mounted Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning devices. Rail service at this crossing is approximately 55 trains per day, mixed freight and passenger at a maximum speed of 60 mph.

The proposed alterations as indicated in the request letter and/or shown in the attachments shall consist of:

- Replacing the existing southbound Commission Standard 9 warning device with a Commission Standard 9A (flashing light signal assembly and additional flashing light signals over the roadway on a cantilevered arm) warning device;
- Replacing all flashing light signals with 12 inch LED assemblies with 24 inch hoods;
- Installing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant sidewalk across the tracks on the west side of the crossing with ADA compliant detectable warning strips on both sidewalk approaches, located a minimum of 12 feet from the centerline of the track;
- Installing a new approximately 400 feet long non mountable raised median on the north side of the crossing.

Commission's Rail Crossing Engineering Section (RCES) staff has investigated the City's request, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the City and BNSF are in agreement as

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to the design and apportionments of the cost under the provisions of GO 88-B, you may proceed with the improvements as described in your request letter, attachments, and summarized above.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with Section 8A.08, Temporary Traffic Control Zones, of the 2012 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 categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environment Quality Act of 1970, as amended [California Public Resources Code 21084].

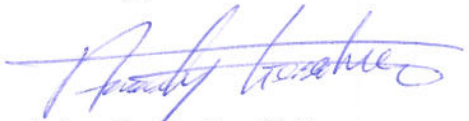
This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with or if the work is not completed within three years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to this office, the time to complete the project may be extended. Any written request for a time extension must include concurrence letters by involved parties in support of the time extension. If an extension is requested, the RCES may reevaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

Within 30 days after completion of this project, the City shall notify RCES that the authorized work is completed, by submitting a completed Commission Standard Form G. Form G requirements and forms can be obtained at the CPUC 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, BNSF should submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form to the FRA, reflecting the changes. CPUC requests a concurrent copy of the updated inventory form be submitted to rces@cpuc.ca.gov

If you have any questions, please contact David Stewart at (916) 928-2515 or atm@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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C: John Stilley, BNSF