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Santa Ana Fwy (I-5) Overhead
City of Norwalk, County of Los Angeles

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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Interstate 5 Freeway (Santa Ana) Overhead Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 001BKA-498.50-A, DOT No. 761473D in the City of Norwalk, Los Angeles County

Dear Mr. Anderson:

This refers to your letter dated February 13, 2013, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B to modify the grade-separated Interstate 5 Freeway (I-5 Fwy) overhead crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad Company's (UPRR) Los Nietos Subdivision railroad tracks in the City of Norwalk (City), Los Angeles County. The crossing is identified by CPUC Crossing No. 001BKA-498.50-A, and DOT No. 761473D.

The I-5 Fwy overhead crossing is a divided state route with six lanes, three lanes in each direction and crosses over two tracks.

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) intends to demolish the existing I-5 Fwy bridge structure and replace it with a new wider structure as part of its I-5 Fwy corridor widening project to relief traffic congestion and improve traffic flow. During construction, the I-5 Fwy overhead crossing will remain open to vehicular traffic. As part of the project, Caltrans will construct the new bridge in phases. In phase 1, two new structures will be constructed on either side of the existing structure. In Phase 2, traffic will be diverted to the new outer structures so the existing bridge can be demolished and replaced with a new structure.

The bridge construction will be done with precast sections and Caltrans will be able to maintain minimal vertical and horizontal clearances as per Commission GO 26-D. There is no need to grant a deviation from Commission GO 26-D for impaired clearances during construction activities. UPRR provided concurrence to the proposed bridge replacement project.

The Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Section (RCES) investigated the request by Caltrans, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As Caltrans and UPRR 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.

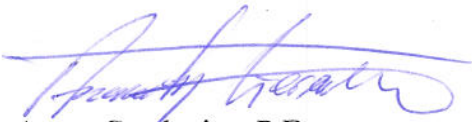
This project is statutorily exempt from the requirements of the California Environment Quality Act of 1970, as amended [California Public Resources Code 21080.13].

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 Jose Pereyra at (213) 576-7083 or jfp@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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C: Ken Tom, UPRR