

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter Peabody Road At-Grade Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 001A-53.70 and DOT No. 751292W, in the City of Fairfield, Solano County.**

Dear Mr. Hartwig:

This refers to your letter dated April 30, 2013, received by us on April 29, 2013, requesting authorization pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter Peabody Road at-grade rail crossing (crossing) of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) in the City of Fairfield (City), County of Solano. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001A-53.70 and DOT No. 751292W.

The crossing is equipped with two Commission Standard 9-A (flashing light signal assembly with assembly with automatic gate arm and additional flashing light signals over the roadway on a cantilevered arm) warning devices, two W10-1, and two W48 (CA) (2 TRACKS) warning signs, and pavement markings. UPRR currently operates approximately 30 freight trains per day at 60 mph, and the National Passenger Railroad Corporation (Amtrak) operates 32 passenger trains per day at 79 mph over this line.

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

- Removing the two railroad tracks.
- Constructing a new 6-lane, 89 foot wide grade-separated vehicle/pedestrian/bicycle overcrossing over the new four railroad tracks. During construction, the existing at-grade railroad crossing will be closed and all public traffic will be routed through a 5-mile detour along city streets. A temporary restricted access road and temporary at-grade crossing will be constructed prior to the closure of Peabody Road for emergency vehicles and school buses only, located west of the exiting at-grade crossing. Two new Commission Standard 9-A warning devices, two W10-1 warning signs, two W48(CA)(4 Tracks) advance warning signs, and pavement markings will be installed at the temporary restricted access road railroad crossing. Additionally, both ends of the temporary restricted access road will be protected by radio controlled gates that only emergency vehicles and school buses will have access to. Both the temporary restricted access road and temporary at-grade crossing will be used for a maximum of 1.5 years and will be removed with the reopening of Peabody Road.

- Installing 8-foot tall fencing approximately 1,200 feet along the north UPRR property boundary and approximately 1,315 feet along the south property boundary. No trespassing signs will be installed every 500 feet along both fence lines.

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

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with section 8A.05, Temporary Traffic Control Zones, of the 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 21080.13].

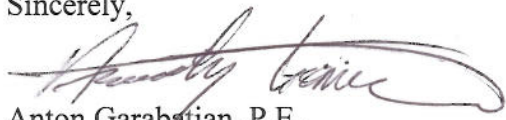
This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with or if the work is not completed within three years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to this office, the time to complete the project may be extended. Any written request for a time extension must include concurrence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

Within 30 days after completion of this project, UP 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/formg>. 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, UPRR should submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form to the FRA, 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 Daniellia Fristoe at (916) 928-2108 or [dvm@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:dvm@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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