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I-215 Redlands Loop OH
City of San Bernardino, San Bernardino County

Mitchell A. Alderman
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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Modify the Interstate 215 Redlands Loop OH Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 002U-0.60-A and DOT No. 027207K, in the City of San Bernardino, San Bernardino County

Dear Mr. Alderman:

This refers to your letter dated May 13, 2013, received by us on May 17, 2013, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the Interstate 215 (I-215) grade separated crossing (crossing) on the Redlands Subdivision railroad tracks. The line is owned by San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) and operated by BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) in the City of San Bernardino (City), San Bernardino County (County), identified as CPUC Crossing Number 002U-0.60-A and DOT Number 027207K.

The crossing is a divided interstate highway with six lanes, three lanes in each direction that crosses over one single track. The crossing improvement project is part of the proposed Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) Metrolink commuter extension project from the terminus at the Santa Fe Depot Station in the City of San Bernardino to the proposed Transit Center in Downtown San Bernardino, City of San Bernardino.

SANBAG proposes the following alterations to the crossing to meet the SCRRA standards:

- Install one additional mainline track; and
- Realign the existing mainline track.

Permanent and temporary horizontal and vertical clearances proposed by SANBAG comply with Commission GO 26-D requirements for the overhead bridge structure.

The proposed new crossing identification number will be CPUC Crossing Number 101SG-57.23-A and DOT Number 027207K.

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

Department of Transportation, SCRRA 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 California Department of Transportation. 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]

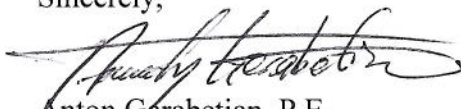
This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with and the work is not completed within three years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to RCES, the time to complete the project may be extended. Any written request for a time extension must include concurrence 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, SANBAG 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.

At the conclusion of the project, SCRRA 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.

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

Sincerely,



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