

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Farron Street Highway–
Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 001A-110.20 and DOT No. 750565K, in the
City of Rocklin, County of Placer.**

Dear Mr. Forstall:

This refers to your letter dated May 29, 2013, received by us via email on May 29, 2013, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Farron Street highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) tracks in the City of Rocklin (City), Placer County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001A-110.20 and DOT No. 750565K.

At the crossing, Farron Street is a local roadway with two through lanes. There are no medians at the crossing. There are incomplete (not crossing the tracks) sidewalks at the crossing with barricades at the end sections. There are two tracks aligned in a northeast-southwest direction. The crossing is frequented by UPRR freight and Amtrak trains. The crossing is equipped with two Commission Standard 9–A (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm and additional flashing light signals over the roadway on a cantilevered arm) warning devices.

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

- installing a raised concrete median at the length indicated on both sides of the tracks per plan;
- installing a raised concrete island on Front Street for the purpose of converting Front Street, for vehicles traveling south, to a right turn only onto Farron Street per plan;
- removing the existing “STOP” pavement marking and installing a new “STOP” pavement marking to accommodate the raised concrete island on Front Street per plan;
- installing signage and striping per plan.

The Commission’s Rail Crossings Engineering Section (RCES) staff has investigated the request by the City, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the City and UPRR (Parties) 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 your request letter and attachments, and summarized above.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with section 8A.08, Temporary Traffic Control Zones, of the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CAMUTCD), 2012 Edition, published by the California Department of Transportation.

All Parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including other Commission General Orders and the CAMUTCD.

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. A written request for a time extension must include concurrence letters by interested 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, the City shall notify RCES that the authorized work is completed by submitting a completed Commission Standard Form G *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/PUC/safety/Rail/Crossings/formg.htm>. This report may be submitted electronically to 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. CPUC requests a concurrent copy of the updated inventory form be submitted to rces@cpuc.ca.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Marvin Kennix at (916) 928-3809 or email at mlk@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Terrel Anderson, Manager of Industry and Special Projects, UPRR