

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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File Number: XREQ2013080006

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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter Hazelton Avenue Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 001BEL-84.44 and DOT No. 752772L in the City of Stockton, San Joaquin County

Dear Mr. Gayotin:

This refers to your letter received by us via email on August 8, 2013, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Hazelton Avenue at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) track in the City of Stockton (City), San Joaquin County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001BEL-84.44 and DOT No. 752772L.

The triple track crossing is equipped with two curb mounted Commission Standard 9A (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm and additional flashing light signals over the roadway on a cantilevered arm) warning devices. UPRR runs approximately 20 freight trains per day at a maximum speed of 50 mph. The average daily traffic on Hazelton Avenue is 4,789 vehicles per day.

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

- Constructing an unmountable, raised median on the east side of the crossing;
- Constructing an unmountable, raised median on the west side of the crossing;
- Installing a Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning device on each new median;
- Installing Commission Standard 8 (flashing light signal assembly) warning devices in the northwest and southeast quadrants;
- Installing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant sidewalks, curb and gutter across the tracks on the both sides of Hazelton Avenue with ADA compliant detectable warning strips on all sidewalk approaches, located a minimum of 12 feet from the centerline of the track;
- Shortening the gate arm on the two existing Commission Standard 9A warning devices,
- Installing new street signage and striping as shown on plans.

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Commission's Rail Crossing Engineering (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 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 California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD), 2012 Edition, 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].

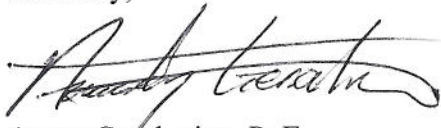
This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with or if the work is not completed within three years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to this office, the time to complete the project may be extended. Any written request for a time extension must include concurrence 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 Commission 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, UPRR should submit an updated 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 David Stewart at (916) 928-2515 or atm@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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C: Jim Smith, UPRR