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June 19, 2014

File Number: XREQ 2008090007 (G.08-09-007)
La Paz Road Bridge Overhead
City of Mission Viejo, Orange County

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City of Mission Viejo
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SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: Time Extension Request for XREQ 2008090007 (G.08-09-007) to Modify La Paz Road Grade-Separated Highway-Rail Crossing, Identified as CPUC Crossing No. 101OR-190.40-A and DOT No. 026776M in City of Mission Viejo, Orange County.

Dear Mr. Chagnon:

This refers to your letter, dated and received by us on May 28, 2014, requesting a second time extension to widen La Paz Road grade-separated highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) Orange Line tracks in City of Mission Viejo (City), County of Orange. The crossing is identified as CPUC No. 101OR-190.40-A and DOT No. 026776M.

The original authorization was granted on September 29, 2008, which expired on September 29, 2011. A time extension was granted on September 22, 2011, for an additional of three-year period. Construction of the project has been delayed due to funding issues and prolonged right-of-way acquisition. The City has now secured the necessary funding and right-of-way, and is requesting an additional three years to complete widening of the crossing. SCRRA and the National Passenger Railroad Corporation (Amtrak) provided concurrence to the time extension request.

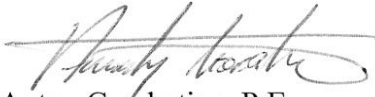
The California Public Utilities Commission's (Commission) Rail Crossings Engineering Section (RCES) investigated the request by the City and finds that there has been no substantial change in circumstances since granting the original authority. Since the City, SCRRA, and Amtrak are in agreement and have no objection to the requested time extension, you may proceed with the alterations as previously authorized by the Commission on September 22, 2008, with a three-year time extension. This authorization shall expire on June 18, 2017.

Within 30 days after completion of this project, the City shall notify RCES that the authorized work is completed, by submitting a Commission Standard Form G titled *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.

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In all other respects, the original authorization for improvements remains in full force and effect. Should the work not be completed by June 18, 2017, RCES may require a new GO 88-B application for the crossing modifications. If you have any questions, please contact Chi Cheung To at (213) 576-5766 or at cct@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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