

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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SENT VIA E-MAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter Sims Road At-grade Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 004-128.80 and DOT No. 833766H in the City of Elk Grove, County of Sacramento

Dear Mr. Stone:

This refers to your letter dated June 13, 2014, received by us on June 16, 2014, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Sims Road at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) track in the City of Elk Grove (City), County of Sacramento. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 004-128.80 and DOT No. 833766H.

The single track crossing is equipped with two curb mounted Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning devices. UPRR runs approximately 10 freight trains per day at a maximum speed of 60 mph over the crossing. The average daily traffic on Sims Road is 1,004 vehicles.

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

- Constructing a 2 foot wide, 100 foot long median on the west side of the tracks;
- Constructing a 2 foot wide, 60 foot long median on the east side of the tracks; and
- Installing new street signage and striping as shown on plans.

Commission's Rail Crossing Engineering Section (RCES) staff has investigated the City's request, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As UPRR and the City 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.

UPRR must also ensure that Emergency Notification Signs are installed to comply with CFR 234.309.

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 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.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. 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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