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Interstate-15 Devore OH
Unincorporated San Bernardino County

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SENT VIA E-MAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Modify the Interstate 15 Devore Overhead Bridge Grade-Separated Highway-Rail Crossing, Identified as CPUC Crossing Numbers 001BB-479.60-A and 002-70.40-A, and DOT Numbers 747015F and 026102T, in Unincorporated San Bernardino County.

Dear Mr. Saylor:

This refers to your letter, dated and received by us on August 7, 2014, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC/Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the grade-separated Interstate 15 Devore Overhead Bridge and the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) and BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) tracks highway-rail crossing (crossing), in unincorporated San Bernardino County. The crossing is identified by CPUC Crossing Numbers 001BB-479.60-A and 002-70.40-A, DOT Numbers 747015F and 026102T.

The crossing consists of two three-lane bridge structures, one south bound and one north bound that cross over the UPRR/BNSF tracks. The San Bernardino County Associated Governments (SANBAG) proposes the following modifications to the crossing:

- Widening the east side south bound structure by 28.5 feet; and
- Widening the east side north bound structure by 56.5 feet.

Existing vertical clearances of 24 feet and 3 inches for the southbound structure and 25 feet and 7 inches for the northbound structure comply with CPUC GO 26-D requirements and will be maintained throughout construction and following completion of the project. The proposed minimum temporary horizontal clearance of 9 feet and 6 inches and permanent horizontal clearance of 13 feet and 1 inch from the centerline of track also comply with CPUC General Order 26-D.

The Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request filed by SANBAG and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As SANBAG, BNSF, The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and UPRR 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 dated August 7, 2014, and summarized above are authorized.

This project is statutorily exempt from the requirements of the California Environment Quality Act of 1970, as amended. [California Pubic Resources Code 21080.13].

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 RCEB, 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, RCEB may re-evaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

Within 30 days after completion of this project, SANBAG shall notify RCEB that the authorized work is completed, by submitting a completed Commission Standard Form G titled *Report of Changes at Highway Grade Crossings and Separations*. Form G requirements and forms can be obtained at the Commission web site 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, UPRR/BNSF shall 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 Sergio Licon at (213) 576-7085 or sal@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



for
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cc: **(SENT VIA E-MAIL)**
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