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File Number: XREQ 2014080005
SR-58 Rosedale Hwy
Bakersfield, Kern County

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SENT VIA E-MAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Modify the SR-58 Rosedale Highway At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, Identified as CPUC Crossing No. 002Q-113.20 and DOT No. 029473N in the City of Bakersfield, Kern County.

Dear Mr. Wright:

This refers to your letter signed July 8, 2014, and received by us on August 18, 2014, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the SR-58 Rosedale Highway at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the BNSF Railroad Company (BNSF) Landco Subdivision track in the City of Bakersfield (City), Kern County. The crossing is identified by CPUC Crossing No. 002Q-113.20 and DOT No. 029473N.

The single track crossing is a four-lane roadway, located approximately 500 feet west of the Landco Drive and Rosedale Highway traffic controlled intersection. The crossing is equipped with two curb-mounted Commission Standard 9-A (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm and additional flashing light signals over the roadway on a cantilever arm) and two median mounted Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning devices. BNSF owns the track and the San Joaquin Valley Rail Road (SJVR) operates freight trains over this line.

As part of the Rosedale highway widening project, the City is proposing the following alterations to the crossing:

- Construct two additional lanes on Rosedale Highway, one in each direction;
- Relocate Commission Standard 9-A warning devices for both approaches according to roadway widening;
- Reconstruct raised center medians on both eastbound and westbound vehicular crossing approaches per plans;
- Construct Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complaint sidewalks on north side of the crossing;

- Install pedestrian treatments, including ADA compliant detectable warning tactile strips, channelization, signage, and striping on north side of the crossing;
- Install pedestrian barricades on the southeast corner of Parker Lane and on the southwest corner of Landco Drive crossing approaches; and
- Apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) standard signage and pavement markings, as shown per plans.

The Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request filed by the City and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As SJVR, BNSF, and the City 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 signed July 8, 2014, and summarized above are authorized.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with the current version of the CA MUTCD, published by the California Department of Transportation. All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission GO's, ADA, and the 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 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.

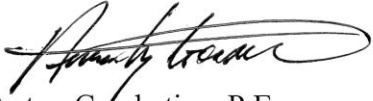
Within 30 days after completion of this project, the City shall notify RCEB that the authorized work is complete, by submitting a completed Commission Standard Form G titled *Report of Changes at Highway Grade Crossings and Separations*. Form G requirements and forms can be obtained at the Commission web site 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.

At the conclusion of the project, SJVR 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.

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If you have any questions, please contact Sergio Licon at (213) 576-7085 or sal@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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