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SENT VIA E-MAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter F Street At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 001BEL-63.44 and DOT No. 752739L in the City of Galt, County of Sacramento.

Dear Ms. Owens:

This refers to your letter dated August 28, 2014, received by us on August 29, 2014, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the F Street at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) track in the City of Galt (City), Sacramento County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001BEL-63.44 and DOT No. 752739L.

The single track 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 cantilevered arm) warning devices. UPRR runs approximately 24 freight trains per day at a maximum speed of 70 mph and the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) runs approximately 4 passenger trains per day at a maximum speed of 79 mph over the crossing. The average daily traffic on F Street is 3,900 vehicles.

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

- Constructing a two-foot wide and 100-foot long raised median on the eastern approach of the crossing;
- Constructing a two-foot wide and 100-foot long raised median on the western approach of the crossing;
- Constructing a 57-foot long mountable curb in the southwest quadrant of the crossing;
- Installing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant detectable warning strips on the southeast and southwest sidewalk approaches, located a minimum of 12 feet from the centerline of the track;
- Removing the Palm tree in the northeast quadrant of the crossing to improve crossing warning device and sign visibility; and

- Applying California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) compliant signage and pavement markings, including W10-1 advance warning signs, and RXR and railroad limit pavement markings as shown on plans.

Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) 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.

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 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 RCEB may reevaluate 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 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/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.

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If you have any questions, please contact David Stewart at (916) 928-2515 or atm@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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