

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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June 11, 2015

File Number: XREQ 2012010005 (G.12-01-008)

North Sunset Avenue  
City of Banning, Riverside County

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**SENT VIA EMAIL**

**Re: Time Extension Request for XREQ 2012010005 (G.12-01-008) to Modify the North Sunset Avenue At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, Identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001B-566.20 and DOT No. 760690A in the City of Banning, Riverside County.**

Dear Mr. Vela:

This refers to your letter dated May 21, 2015, received by us on May 26, 2015, requesting a time extension to grade-separate the at-grade crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) Yuma Subdivision railroad tracks and North Sunset Avenue in the City of Banning (City), Riverside County. The crossing is identified by CPUC Crossing No. 001B-566.20 and DOT No. 760690A.

The original authorization was granted on February 13, 2012, and expired on February 13, 2015. The issuance of the construction contract was delayed as a result of time needed to obtain utility company compliance with new Federal Buy American requirements. Additional delays were also experienced due to weather and agency review times. City is requesting additional time to complete the crossing modifications. The Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) provided concurrence for the time extension request.

The California Public Utilities Commission's (Commission) Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request by City and finds that there has been no substantial change in circumstances since granting the original authority. Since UPRR, Caltrans and City are in agreement and have no objection to the requested time extension, you may proceed with the modifications as previously authorized by the Commission on February 13, 2012, with a three year time extension. This authorization shall expire on February 13, 2018.

Within 30 days after completion of this project, City shall notify RCEB that the authorized work is completed, by submitting a 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

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<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/safety/Rail/Crossings/formg.htm>. This report may be submitted electronically to [rceb@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:rceb@cpuc.ca.gov).

At the conclusion of the project, UPRR should electronically submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form (Form F6180.71) to the FRA, reflecting the changes. 49 CFR 234 Section 234.409 requires the railroads to submit periodic crossing inventory updates a minimum of once every three years.

In all other respects, the original authorization for improvements remains in full force and effect. Should the work not be completed by February 13, 2018, RCEB may require a new General Order 88-B application for the crossing modifications.

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

Sincerely,



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