

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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File Number: XREQ 2012010007 (G.12-01-007)

Columbia Avenue  
City of Riverside, Riverside County

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**SENT VIA EMAIL**

**Re: Time Extension Request for XREQ 2012010007 (G.12-01-007) to Modify the Columbia Avenue At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, Identified as CPUC Crossing No. 002X-1.2 and DOT No. 027303M in the City of Riverside, Riverside County.**

Dear Ms. Rosso:

This refers to your letter dated and received by us on February 4, 2015, requesting a time extension to modify the Columbia Avenue at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) San Jacinto Subdivision track in the City of Riverside (City), Riverside County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 002X-1.2 and DOT No. 027303M.

The original authorization was granted on February 17, 2012, and expired on February 17, 2015. The project has been delayed due to litigation and the release of federal funding. As a result, a later than planned notice to proceed was issued to the construction contractor on October 7, 2013, and construction is scheduled for completion in December 2015. RCTC is requesting additional time to complete the crossing modifications. The Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) and City provided concurrence to the time extension request.

The California Public Utilities Commission's (Commission) Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request by RCTC and finds that there has been no substantial change in circumstances since granting the original authority. Since SCRRA, RCTC, 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 17, 2012, with a three year time extension. This authorization shall expire on February 17, 2018.

RCTC/SCRRA must also ensure that Emergency Notification Signs are installed to comply with CFR 234.309.

Within 30 days after completion of this project, RCTC 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 <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, RCTC/SCRRA 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 17, 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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