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File Number: XREQ 2012020022 (G.12-02-013)

Riverside Avenue
City of Riverside, Riverside County

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City of Riverside
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Riverside, CA 92522

SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: Time Extension Request for XREQ 2012020012 (G.12-02-013) to Alter the Riverside Avenue At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, Identified as CPUC Crossing No. 003-55.60 and DOT No. 811012J in the City of Riverside, Riverside County.

Dear Mr. Mohammadi:

This refers to your letter dated and received by us on March 16, 2015, requesting a time extension to alter the Riverside Avenue at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Mainline track 3 in the City of Riverside (City), Riverside County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 003-55.60 and DOT No. 811012J.

The original authorization was granted on March 16, 2012, and expired on March 16, 2015. As the project neared design completion, the City realized that it needed 20 months for grade separation construction instead of the 15 months it estimated, due to the complexity of building the railroad bridge in two phases. The construction of the bridge cannot be completed until one-half of it is constructed and the train traffic is shifted onto the newly completed half of the bridge, as part of Phase One. For Phase Two, the remainder of the bridge will be constructed on the space occupied by the temporary track. City is requesting additional time to complete the alterations. UPRR provided concurrence to 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 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 March 16, 2012, with a three year time extension. This authorization shall expire on March 16, 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

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/safety/Rail/Crossings/formg.htm>. This report may be submitted electronically to 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 March 16, 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.

Sincerely,



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Safety and Enforcement Division

cc: **(SENT VIA EMAIL)**
Kyle Nodgaard, UPRR
Chris Keckeisen, UPRR