

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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June 15, 2015

File Number: XREQ 2012040014 (G.12-05-006)
Sampson Street
City of San Diego, San Diego County

Chip Finch
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SANDAG
401 B Street, Suite 800
San Diego, CA 92101-4231

SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: Time Extension Request for XREQ 2012040014 (G.12-05-006) to Modify the Sampson Street At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, Identified as CPUC Crossing No. 036-2.30 and DOT No. 661800K in City of San Diego, San Diego County.

Dear Mr. Finch:

This refers to your letter dated April 28, 2015 and received by us on May 20, 2015, requesting a time extension to modify the Sampson Street at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) – San Diego Trolley, Inc. (SDTI) Blue Line tracks in City of San Diego (City), San Diego County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 036-2.30 and DOT No. 661800K.

The original authorization was granted on July 3, 2012, and will expire on July 3, 2015. San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) has stated that the project will not be able to be completed within the allotted time due to unforeseen complications with contractual obligations and scheduling with the SANDAG contractor. SANDAG expects the project to be completed prior to December 31, 2015. MTS/San Diego, Arizona Eastern Railway (SDAE), 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 SANDAG and finds that there has been no substantial change in circumstances since granting the original authority. Since MTS/SDAE 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 July 3, 2012, with a three year time extension. This authorization shall expire on July 3, 2018.

MTS/SDAE must ensure that Emergency Notification Signs are installed to comply with CFR 234.309.

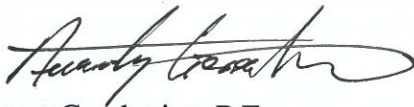
Within 30 days after completion of this project, SANDAG shall notify RCEB that the authorized work is completed, by submitting a Commission Standard Form G titled *Report of Changes at Highway Grade Crossings and Separations*. Form G requirements and forms can be obtained at the Commission web site Form 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, MTS/SDAE 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. Commission requests a concurrent copy of the updated inventory form be submitted to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.

In all other respects, the original authorization for improvements remains in full force and effect. Should the work not be completed by July 3, 2018, RCEB may require a new General Order 88-B application for the crossing modifications.

If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Schumacher at kevin.schumacher@cpuc.ca.gov or at (415) 310-9807.

Sincerely,



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