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File Number: XREQ 2012090015 TE (G.12-10-004)
Orangethorpe Avenue
Cities of Anaheim and Placentia, Orange County

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SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: Time Extension Request for XREQ 2012090015TE (G.12-10-004) Orangethorpe Avenue At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 002B-41.80 and DOT No. 026572B, in the Cities of Anaheim and Placentia, County of Orange.

Dear Mr. Muth:

This refers to your letter, dated September 28, 2015, received by us on October 6, 2015, requesting a time extension to grade-separate the Orangethorpe Avenue highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) mainline 2B – San Bernardino to Fullerton tracks in the Cities of Anaheim and Placentia (Cities), County of Orange. The crossing is formerly identified as CPUC No. 002B-41.80 and DOT No. 026572B.

The original authorization was granted on October 16, 2012, and expired on October 16, 2015. Construction of the project has been delayed due to utility relocation. Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) is requesting an additional time to complete the grade separation project. BNSF and Cities provided concurrence to the time extension request.

The California Public Utilities Commission's (Commission) Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request by OCTA and finds that there has been no substantial change in circumstances since granting the original authority. Since OCTA, BNSF and Cities are in agreements and have no objection to the requested time extension, you may proceed with the alterations as previously authorized by the Commission on October 16, 2012, with a three-year time extension. This authorization shall expire on October 16, 2018.

Within 30 days after completion of this project, BNSF 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 Separation*. 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.

The existing crossing identification DOT No. 026572B shall be retired. The new crossing identification numbers for the completed grade-separated crossing shall be CPUC Crossing No. 002B-41.80-A and DOT No. 929155M.


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At the conclusion of the project, BNSF should electronically submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form (Form F6180.71) 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 October 16, 2018, RCEB may require a new General Order 88-B application for the crossing modifications.

If you have any concerns, please contact Chi Cheung To at (213) 576-5766 or at cct@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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