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File Number: XREQ 2015050001
Rayo Avenue
City of South Gate, Los Angeles County

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SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Rayo Avenue At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, identified as CPUC Crossing No. 003A-8.10 and DOT No. 810960L, in the City of South Gate, Los Angeles County.

Dear Mr. Tang:

This refers to your letter, dated and received by us on April 14, 2015, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) San Pedro Subdivision railroad track and Rayo Avenue, in City of South Gate (City), Los Angeles County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 003A-8.10 and DOT No. 810960L.

Rayo Avenue single-track crossing is a two-lane roadway oriented north-south with one lane in each direction. The crossing is equipped with two curb-mounted Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning devices with advance warning pavement markings and signage. The Port of Los Angeles and Port of Long Beach (Ports) jointly own the railroad right-of way (ROW) and hired Cal Pacific Land Service Inc. to oversee the ROW property. UPRR is responsible for operation and maintenance over this rail corridor. UPRR operates approximately four freight trains daily with a maximum speed of 20 miles per hour. The average daily traffic is approximately 14,900 vehicles.

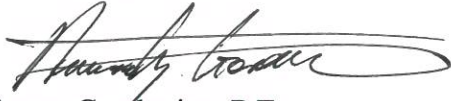
The City proposes to construct a five-feet five-inch wide concrete sidewalk along Rayo Avenue southbound on the west side of the crossing and install Americans with Disabilities Act compliant detectable warning tactile strip on all sidewalk approaches.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request by City, but is unable to authorize City's request without concurrence from the railroad property owner, namely the Ports. RCEB recommends the City to coordinate with Cal Pacific Land Service Inc. for the Ports' concurrence. The City may reapply under the Commission's GO 88-B request for authorization to construct the modifications to the Rayo Avenue crossing, subsequently upon obtaining the Ports' concurrence.

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

Sincerely,



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