

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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October 15, 2015

File Number: XREQ 2015090001
Foothill Drive
City of Yreka

Steven Baker
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SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Foothill Drive At-Grade Highway–Rail Crossing, Identified as CPUC Crossing No. 047-7.20, and DOT No. 841059L, in the City of Yreka, County of Siskiyou

Dear Mr. Baker:

This refers to your letter, dated August 27, 2015, received by us on August 31, 2015, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the Foothill Drive at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the Yreka Western Railroad (YWRR) in the City of Yreka (City), Siskiyou County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 047-7.20 and DOT No. 841059L.

The crossing consists of one industrial main track over a two lane roadway. The crossing has two Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate) warning devices. There are two trains per day traveling over the crossing at a maximum speed of ten miles per hour.

The City's proposal to modify the crossing shall consist of the following alterations as indicated in its request letter and/or shown on its plans:

- Replacing the crossing surface with a concrete panel crossing surface;
- Installing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant detectable warning strips on all sidewalk approaches;
- Upgrading the two Commission Standard 9 warning devices with light emitting diode (LED) lights, hoods and bells; and
- Applying California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) compliant signage and pavement markings, as shown on plans.

Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request by the City and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the City and YWRR are in agreement as to the design and apportionments of the cost under the provisions of GO 88-B, the City may proceed with the alternations as described in its request letter and attachments, and summarized above.

YWRR must ensure that Emergency Notification System signs are installed to comply with Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 234.309.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with Section 8A.08, Temporary Traffic Control Zones, of the CA MUTCD, 2014 Edition, published by California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission GOs and the CA MUTCD.

This project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environment Quality Act of 1970, as amended [California Public Resources Code 21084].

This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with or if the work is not completed within three years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to RCEB, the time to complete the project may be extended. Any written request for a time extension must include concurrence letters by involved parties in support of the time extension. If an extension is requested, RCEB may re-evaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

Within 30 days after completion of this project, the City and/or YWRR shall notify RCEB that the authorized work is completed, by submitting a completed Commission Standard Form G title *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.

At the conclusion of the project, YWRR 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.

If you have any questions, please contact Daniellia Fristoe at (916) 928-2108 or daniellia.fristoe@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Felix Ko', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Felix Ko for
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Safety and Enforcement Division

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Darrell Hook, City of Yreka
Court Hammond, Yreka Western Railroad