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<u>**SENT VIA E-MAIL**</u>

Re: **General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter 9th Street At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 083E-0.31 in the City of Sacramento, County of Sacramento**

Dear Mr. Abansado:

This refers to your letter dated September 8, 2015, received by us on September 15, 2015, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the 9th Street at-grade highway-light rail crossing (crossing) of Sacramento Regional Transit District (SRTD) track in the City of Sacramento (City), County of Sacramento. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 083E-0.31.

9ᵗʰ Street is one way southbound road for motorists. The double track crossing is traffic signal controlled with two Commission Standard 1-R (crossbuck sign on a post) warning devices, a California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) R3-1 "NO RIGHT TURN" sign in the northeast quadrant and a CA MUTCD R3-2 "NO LEFT TURN" sign in the northwest quadrant. SRTD runs approximately 300 trains per day at a maximum speed of 35 miles per hour over the crossing. The average daily traffic on 9th Street is 7878 vehicles.

The proposed alterations as indicated in the request letter and/or shown in the attachments shall consist of:
- Installing CA MUTCD W10-7 trolley approaching activated blank out signs on the existing traffic signal mast arms in the southeast and southwest quadrants;
- Replacing the existing pedestrian heads with countdown pedestrian heads in the southeast and southwest quadrants; and
- Installing CA MUTCD compliant signage and pavement markings, including W10-1 and W48 (CA) advance warning signs and "RXR" and railroad limit pavement markings as shown on plans.

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

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with Section 8A.08, Temporary Traffic Control Zones, of the CA MUTCD, 2014 Edition, published by the California Department of Transportation.

All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders and CA MUTCD. This project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environment Quality Act of 1970, as amended [California Pubic 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 this office, 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, the RCEB may reevaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

Within 30 days after completion of this project, SRTD shall notify RCEB that the authorized work is completed, by submitting a completed Commission Standard Form G. 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.

If you have any questions, please contact David Stewart at (916) 928-2515 or atm@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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C: Angie Louie, City of Sacramento