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November 22, 2016

File Number: XREQ 2013100009
Trout Gulch Road
Santa Cruz County

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SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: Time Extension Request for XREQ 2013100009 to Alter the Trout Gulch Road At-Grade Highway–Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 017B-12.50 and DOT No. 768267P, in Unincorporated Santa Clara County.

Dear Mr. Presleigh:

This refers to your letter, dated and received by us on November 3, 2016, requesting a time extension to modify the Trout Gulch Road at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the Santa Cruz and Monterey Bay Railway Railroad (SCX) Santa Cruz Industrial Lead tracks in unincorporated Santa Cruz County (County). The crossing is identified as CPUC No. 017B-12.50 and DOT No. 768267P. The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC) owns the track with SCX as the contracted operator responsible for maintenance.

The original authorization was granted on December 16, 2013, and will expire on December 16, 2016. The project is advertised for bidding. SCX and SCCRTC provided concurrence to the time extension request.

The California Public Utilities Commission's (Commission) Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request by County and finds that there has been no substantial change in circumstances since granting the original authority. Since SCX, SCCRTC, and the County are in agreement and have no objection to the requested time extension, you may proceed with the alterations as previously authorized by the Commission on December 16, 2013, with a two-year time extension. This authorization shall expire on December 16, 2018.

Within 30 days after completion of this project, the County 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/crossings>. This report may be submitted electronically to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.

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

If you have any concerns, please contact Felix Ko at (415) 703-3722 or at felix.ko@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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