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February 4, 2016

File Number: XREQ 2013010004TE (G.13-01-009)

Tustin Avenue

Cities of Anaheim and Placentia, Orange County

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SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: Time Extension Request for XREQ 2013010004TE (G.13-01-009) Tustin Avenue At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 002B-41.50 and DOT No. 026571U, in the Cities of Anaheim and Placentia, County of Orange.

Dear Mr. Muth:

This refers to your letter, dated January 25, 2016, and received by us on February 1, 2015, requesting a time extension to grade-separate the Tustin 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 identified as CPUC No. 002B-41.50 and DOT No. 026571U.

The original authorization was granted on February 20, 2013, and will expire on February 20, 2016. An amendment was granted on December 12, 2013, for a reduced temporary vertical clearance of 21-feet 6-inches during construction that required a variance from Commission GO 26-D. Construction of the project has been delayed due to right-of-way acquisition and advanced utility relocations. Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) is requesting 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 February 20, 2013, with a three-year time extension. This authorization shall expire on February 20, 2019.

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/crossings>. This report may be submitted electronically to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.

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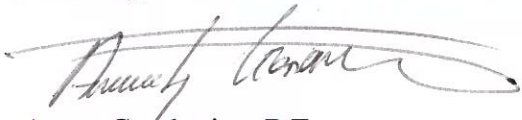
The existing crossing identification DOT No. 026571U will be retired. The new identification numbers for the completed grade-separated crossing will be CPUC Crossing No. 002B-41.50-A and DOT No. 967554B.

At the conclusion of the project, BNSF should electronically submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form (Form F6180.71) reflecting the changes.

In all other respects, the original authorization for improvements remains in full force and effect. Should the work not be completed by February 20, 2019, 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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