

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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File Numbers: XREQ 2015120014, 2015120015,  
2015120016, 2015120017, and 2015120018.

Interstate 8/Interstate 5  
City of San Diego, San Diego County

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**SENT VIA E-MAIL**

**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Modify 5 Grade-Separated Highway-Rail Crossings of the California Department of Transportation Interstate 8 and Interstate 5, in the City of San Diego, San Diego County.**

Dear Mr. D'Ablaing:

This refers to your letters dated July 29, 2015, received by us on January 4, 2016, requesting authorization pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC/Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B to modify the five California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Interstate 8 (I-8) and 5(I-5) grade-separated highway-rail crossings (crossings) at the North County Transit District (NCTD) Coaster track in the City of San Diego (City), San Diego County. The five crossings are identified in CPUC records as shown below:

CPUC Crossing Number	DOT Crossing Number	Roadway Name	Caltrans Bridge Number	Request Number
106-263.88-A	966290E	WB I-8 to SB I-5 and Camino Del Rio	Br 57-0551F	XREQ 2015120014
106-263.89-A	966291L	WB I-8 to NB I-5 and WB I-8	Br 57-0568L and Br 57-0569F	XREQ 2015120015
106-263.91-A	966292T	SB I-5 and EB I-8 to EB I-8	Br 57-0568R	XREQ 2015120016
106-263.92-A	966293A	Camino Del Rio to EB I-8	Br 57-0551G	XREQ 2015120017
106-263.96-A	026851W	NB I-5 to EB I-8	Br 57-0550G	XREQ 2015120018

San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) plans to construct an additional railroad track at each of the five crossings. NCTD operates and maintains the railroad tracks.

SANDAG proposes to make the following alterations:

- Install a second mainline railroad track on the west side of the existing railroad track; and
- Realign the existing railroad track.

The minimum vertical and horizontal clearances shall comply with Commission GO 26-D.

Although the proposed light rail tracks are shown on the plans, this letter does not provide Commission approval for the light rail track work. The extension project will be reviewed and addressed separately from the proposed alterations described above.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request filed by SANDAG, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As Caltrans and NCTD are in agreement as to the design and apportionments of the cost under the provisions of GO 88-B, the improvements as described in your request dated July 29, 2015, and summarized above are authorized.

All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders and CA MUTCD.

This project is statutorily exempt from the requirements of the California Environment Quality Act of 1970, as amended [California Public Resources Code 21080.13].

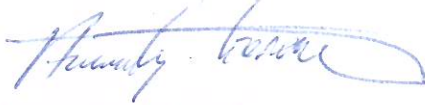
This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with or if the work is not completed within three years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to RCEB, the time to complete the project may be extended. Any written request for a time extension must include concurrence 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, SANDAG 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 at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/crossings/>. This report may be submitted electronically to [rceb@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:rceb@cpuc.ca.gov).

At the conclusion of the project, NCTD shall submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form (Form F6180.71) to the FRA, reflecting the changes.

If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Schumacher at [kevin.schumacher@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:kevin.schumacher@cpuc.ca.gov) or (415) 310-9807.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anton Garabetian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch  
Safety and Enforcement Division

cc: **(SENT VIA E-MAIL)**  
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