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File Number: XREQ 2016020003
Pier S Avenue
City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County

Carlo Luzzi
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Port of Long Beach
4801 Airport Plaza Drive
Long Beach, CA 90815

SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Modify the Grade-Separated Highway-Rail Crossing at Pier S Avenue, Identified as CPUC Crossing No. 120A-18.7-B and DOT No. 931079W, in City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County.

Dear Mr. Luzzi:

This refers to your letter, dated February 11, 2016, received by us on February 12, 2016, requesting authorization pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the Pier S Avenue grade-separated highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the Port of Long Beach (POLB) Alameda Corridor Subdivision tracks, in the City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County. The roadway was previously known as Henry Ford Avenue. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 120A-18.7-B and DOT No. 931079W.

The six-lane roadway crosses under the 85-foot wide railroad bridge structure. POLB owns the railroad right of way and Pacific Harbor Line (PHL) operates freight service on the rail corridor. POLB, a City of Long Beach agency, also controls the street system within the port. Approximately 50 freight trains operate daily with a maximum speed of 20 miles per hour (MPH).

POLB plans to re-align the existing four tracks and construct one additional track within the railroad bridge structure over Pier S Avenue. The request states side clearances will be 9-feet from centerline of nearest track to the edge of the rail bridge with no change vertical clearance change.

All proposed temporary and permanent vertical and horizontal clearances shall comply with Commission GO 26-D.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request by POLB and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As POLB and PHL 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 letter dated February 12, 2016, and summarized above are authorized.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with the current version of the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD), published by the California Department of Transportation. All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission GOs and the CA MUTCD.

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

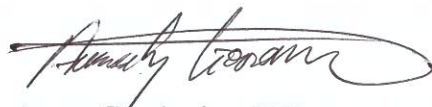
This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with or if the work is not completed within three (3) years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to RCEB, the time to complete the project may be extended. Any written request for a time extension must include concurrence 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, POLB and/or PHL shall notify RCEB that the authorized work is completed, by submitting a completed 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 at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/crossings>. This report may be submitted electronically to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.

At the conclusion of the project, PHL should electronically submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form (Form F6180.71) to the FRA, reflecting the changes. Commission requests a concurrent copy of the updated inventory form be submitted to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Chi Cheung To at (213) 576-5766 or at cct@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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