

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Tauni Melvin, Senior Right of Way Agent
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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Grade Separated State Route 70 Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 004-293.80-A and DOT No. 833702W, in the County of Plumas.

Dear Mr. Melvin:

This refers to your letter received by us via email on April 22, 2016, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the grade separated State Route 70 highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) track in the County of Plumas. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 004-293.80 and DOT No. 833702W.

The crossing is located on State Route 70 east of the City of Quincy. The proposed alteration involves rehabilitating the State Route 70 grade separation structure, also referred to as the Spring Garden Bridge. The rehabilitated bridge will retain the existing alignment. The bridge deck will be replaced and the substructure will be retrofitted. The deck will be widened to meet current standards and standard bridge rail will be installed.

The proposed alterations, as indicated in the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) request letter and/or shown on the plans, shall consist of:

- Widening the bridge deck to meet current standards;
- Installing a standard bridge rail.

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

All Parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including other Commission General Orders and the latest version of the CAMUTCD. Temporary traffic controls or detour plans shall be in compliance with the latest version of the CAMUTCD and detour plans as agreed to by the Parties.

This project is statutory 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 this office, the time to complete the project may be extended. A written request for a time extension must include concurrence letters by interested Parties in support of the time extension. If an extension is requested, RCEB may reevaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

Within 30 days after completion of this project, Caltrans 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 CPUC web site at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/crossings/>.

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

If you have any questions, please contact Bree Arnett at (916) 928-2516 or email at bree.arnett@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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SENT VIA E-MAIL

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