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## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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## SENT VIA E-MAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter Navy Drive At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 123-1.22 and DOT No. 928031R in the Port of Stockton, County of San Joaquin

Dear Mr. Villanueva:

This refers to your letter dated April 24, 2016, received by us on May 2, 2016, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Navy Drive at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of Port of Stockton (Port) track in the Port, County of San Joaquin. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 123-1.22 and DOT No. 928031R.

The double track crossing is equipped with two curb mounted Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning devices. Central California Traction Company (CCTC) is the freight operator at the Port. CCTC runs approximately 4 freight trains per day at a maximum speed of 15 mph over the crossing. The average daily traffic on Navy Drive is 1,000 vehicles.

The proposed alterations as indicated in the request letter and/or shown in the attachments shall consist of:

- Widening Navy Drive from two lanes to four lanes;
- Realigning the intersection of Navy Drive and Washington Street;
- Replacing the existing Commission Standard 9 warning devices with two curb mounted Commission Standard 9-A (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm and additional flashing light signals over the roadway on a cantilevered arm) warning devices;
- Installing traffic signals for the intersection of Navy Drive and Washington Street, including advanced pre-emption of 46 seconds; and
- Installing California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) compliant signage and pavement markings, including W10-1, W48 (CA) "2 TRACKS" and W10-4 advanced warning signs, R8-8 "DO NOT STOP ON TRACKS", and R10-6 "STOP HERE ON RED" signs and railroad limit pavement markings as shown on plans.

Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) staff has investigated the Port's request, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the Port and CCTC are in agreement as to the design and apportionments of the cost under the provisions of GO 88-B, you

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may proceed with the improvements as described in your request letter, attachments, and summarized above.

CCTC must also ensure that Emergency Notification Signs are installed to comply with CFR 234.309.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with Section 8A.08, Temporary Traffic Control Zones, of the CA MUTCD, 2014 Edition, published by the California Department of Transportation. All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders and CA MUTCD.

This project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environment Quality Act of 1970, as amended [California Pubic Resources Code 21084].

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. 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, the RCEB may reevaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

Within 30 days after completion of this project, the Port 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 Form G page at <a href="http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Crossings">http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Crossings</a>. This report may be submitted electronically to <a href="mailto:rceb@cpuc.ca.gov">rceb@cpuc.ca.gov</a> as outlined on the web page.

At the conclusion of the project, CCTC should submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form (Form F6180.71) to the FRA, reflecting the changes. 49 CFR 234 Section 234.409 requires the railroads to submit periodic crossing inventory updates a minimum of once every three years.

If you have any questions, please contact David Stewart at (916) 928-2515 or <a href="mailto:atm@cpuc.ca.gov">atm@cpuc.ca.gov</a> .

Sincerely,

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