

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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**SENT VIA E-MAIL**

**General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter 17<sup>th</sup> Street Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 083E-1.12, DOT No. 753485C in the City of Sacramento, Sacramento County**

Dear Mr. Randolph:

This refers to your letter dated and received by us on September 19, 2016, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the 17<sup>th</sup> Street at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of Sacramento Regional Transit District (SRTD) track in the City of Sacramento (City). The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 083E-1.12, DOT No. 753485C.

The double track crossing is equipped with two curb mounted Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning devices. SRTD runs approximately 266 light rail trains per day at a maximum speed of 35 mph over the crossing. The average daily traffic on 17<sup>th</sup> Street is 1,900 vehicles.

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

- Installing 36 inch tall removable bollards across 17<sup>th</sup> Street on both sides of the crossing;
- Bollard receivers will be installed in 17<sup>th</sup> Street at 6 foot intervals approximately 15 feet from the nearest rail on the south side of the track and 10 feet from the nearest rail on the north side of the track.

The bollards will be owned and operated by Ice Blocks Venture LP, and will be permitted to be located within 17th Street by the City of Sacramento through a revocable encroachment permit. The bollards will only be used on a limited time duration basis, and only with a special event permit issued by the City of Sacramento. The bollards will be removed after each special event.

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

SRTD must 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.

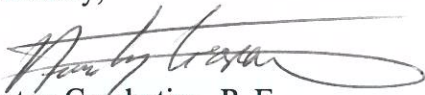
All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders and CA MUTCD. This project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environment Quality Act of 1970, as amended [California Pubic Resources Code 21084].

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 City 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 <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Crossings>. This report may be submitted electronically to [rceb@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:rceb@cpuc.ca.gov).

If you have any questions, please contact David Stewart at (916) 928-2515 or [atm@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:atm@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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