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11th Street
Unincorporated San Luis Obispo County

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SENT VIA E-MAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the 11th Street At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 001E-203.85 and DOT No. 752077N in the Town of San Miguel, Unincorporated San Luis Obispo County.

Dear Mr. Marshall:

This refers to your letter dated February 22, 2017, received by us via email on May 17, 2017, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the 11th Street at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks in the Town of San Miguel, Unincorporated San Luis Obispo County (County). The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001E-203.85 and DOT No. 752077N.

The existing configuration consists of a single-track crossing over a two lane roadway with two Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning devices.

4 freight trains and 2 Amtrak passenger trains operate per day at a maximum speed of 55 mph over the crossing. The average daily traffic on 11th Street is 1,000 vehicles.

The proposed alterations, as indicated in the County's request letter and/or shown on the plans, shall consist of:

- Widening the concrete panel crossing surface;
- Installing an asphalt sidewalk through the south side of the crossing;
- Installing Americans with Disabilities Act compliant detectable warning strips in the southeast and southwest quadrants a minimum of 12 feet from the centerline of tracks;
- Installing a pedestrian barricade in the northeast quadrant; and
- Applying California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) compliant signage and pavement markings.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) staff has investigated the request by the County and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the County and UPRR

(Parties) are in agreement as to the design and apportionments of the cost under the provisions of GO 88-B, the County may proceed with the improvements as described in its request letter and attachments, and summarized above. The County must complete all the proposed alterations mentioned above for RCEB to consider this GO 88-B application closed.

UPRR must ensure that Emergency Notification Signs are installed to comply with Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 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 Public 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. 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, UPRR 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.

At the conclusion of the project, UPRR should submit an updated electronic inventory form (Form F6180.71) to the Federal Railroad Administration, reflecting the changes. Title 49 CFR Section 234.409 requires the railroads to submit periodic crossing inventory updates a minimum of once every three years. The Commission requests a concurrent copy of the updated inventory form be submitted to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Felix Ko at (415) 703-3722 or email at felix.ko@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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