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May 15, 2017

File Number: XREQ 2014040004TE Garfield Avenue City of Commerce, Los Angeles County

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## SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: Time Extension Request for XREQ 2014040004 Garfield Avenue Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 025C-4.09-C and DOT No. 860869E, in the City of Commerce, County of Los Angeles.

Dear Mr. Yang:

This refers to your letter, dated and received by us on April 10, 2017, requesting a time extension to modify the Garfield Avenue highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the Los Angeles Junction Railway (LAJ) tracks in the City of Commerce (City), County of Los Angeles. The crossing is identified as CPUC No. 025C-4.09-C and DOT No. 860869E. LAJ, a wholly owned subsidiary of the BNSF Railway Company (BNSF), owns the railroad right-of-way and operates freight trains through this crossing.

The original authorization was granted on April 17, 2014, and expired on April 16, 2017. The City is requesting additional time to provide notification to the affected parties and to finalize the project. BNSF provided concurrence to the time extension request.

The California Public Utilities Commission's (Commission) Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request by the City and finds that there has been no substantial change in circumstances since granting the original authority. Since BNSF and City are in agreement and have no objection to the requested time extension, you may proceed with the alterations as previously authorized by the Commission on April 17, 2014, with a three-year time extension. This authorization shall expire on April 16, 2020.

Within 30 days after completion of this project, City shall notify RCEB that the authorized work is completed, by submitting a 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 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:reeb@cpuc.ca.gov">reeb@cpuc.ca.gov</a>.

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At the conclusion of the project, LAJ/BNSF should electronically submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form (Form F6180.71) reflecting the changes. The Commission requests a concurrent copy of the updated inventory form be submitted to <a href="mailto:rceb@cpuc.ca.gov">rceb@cpuc.ca.gov</a>.

In all other respects, the original authorization for improvements remains in full force and effect. Should the work not be completed by April 16, 2020, RCEB will require a new General Order 88-B application for the crossing modifications.

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

Sincerely,

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Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch

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cc: (SENT VIA EMAIL)

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