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Puente Avenue
City of Industry, County of Los Angeles

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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Grade Separate the Puente Avenue At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 001B-498.20, DOT No. 746905M in the City of Industry, Los Angeles County

Dear Mr. Kanow:

This refers to your letter dated and received by us on April 10, 2017, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to grade-separate the Puente Avenue at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) Alhambra Subdivision railroad tracks in the City of Industry (City), Los Angeles County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001B-498.20, DOT No. 746905M.

The two-track crossing is equipped with two curb mounted Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal with automatic gate arm) and two median mounted Commission Standard 9 warning devices with advance warning pavement markings and signage. Puente Avenue is a six-lane divided roadway running north/south. In addition to the UPRR freight trains, the National Passenger Railroad Corporation (Amtrak) operates passenger trains over this line.

The Alameda Corridor East Construction Authority (ACE) proposes the following alterations to the Puente Avenue crossing:

- Construct a grade separated railroad bridge structure with a minimum vertical clearance of 16 feet 6 inches above a new Puente Avenue roadway which complies with the minimum clearance requirements specified in Commission GO 26-D; and
- Construct the Puente Avenue roadway under the railroad bridge structure as a four lane roadway with a raised center median and two sidewalks.

During construction, Puente Avenue will be closed to all vehicular and pedestrian traffic and the crossing will be removed, including all railroad warning devices. Vehicle traffic will be detoured to adjacent roadways: 7th Avenue/Sunset Avenue to the east and Peck Road to the west of the crossing. Once the railroad bridge and new Puente Avenue underpass are complete, the roadway will reopen to vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request by ACE and finds that it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As ACE, City and UPRR are in agreement as to the design and apportionments of the cost under the provisions of GO 88-B, the improvements as described in your request dated April 10, 2017, and summarized above, are authorized. All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders and the current version of the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD), published by the California Department of Transportation..

The following requirements pertain to this authorization:

- The new crossing identification numbers for the completed grade separation structure shall be CPUC Crossing No. 001B-498.20-B and DOT No. 440796M, and
- The existing at-grade crossing shall be closed to public access during construction, and the public shall be appropriately directed to the authorized crossing locations.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with the current version of the CA MUTCD, published by the California Department of Transportation.

This project is statutorily exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental 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 proposed project 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, RCEB may re-evaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

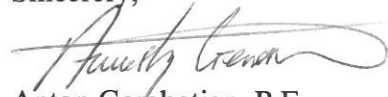
Within 30 days after completion of this project, ACE and/or UPRR shall notify RCEB that the authorized work is completed, by submitting a completed Commission Standard Form G titled Report of Changes at Highway Grade Crossings and Separations. Form G requirements and forms can be obtained at the Commission website 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 shall submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form to the FRA, reflecting the changes of the closure of the at-grade crossing and retirement of that DOT number, and the construction of the grade separation and assignment of the new DOT number. Commission requests a concurrent copy of the updated inventory form be submitted to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.

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

Sincerely,



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C: **SENT VIA E-MAIL**
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