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SENT VIA E-MAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the State Route 65 Grade-Separated (Overpass) Highway- Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 001A-109.00-A and DOT No. 753562A, in the City of Roseville, County of Placer.

Dear Mr. Estrada:

This refers to your letter received by us via email on April 27, 2017, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the State Route (SR) 65 Grade-Separated (Overpass) highway-rail crossing (crossing) over Union Pacific Railroad's (UPRR) two tracks in the City of Roseville, County of Placer. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001A-109.00-A and DOT No. 753562A.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to widen the SR 65 Northbound East Roseville Viaduct (SR 65 Overpass, northbound lanes at UPRR milepost 109.00) over UPRR two tracks to provide an additional (auxiliary lane) for westbound Interstate (I)-80 connector traffic entering northbound SR 65. Traffic congestion on the Westbound and Eastbound I-80/Northbound SR 65 Connector causes traffic to back up onto westbound/eastbound I-80, leading to a pattern of rear end collisions in the rightmost lanes and on to the connector ramp itself. This widening project for this section of SR 65 is part of an overall I-80/SR 65 Interchange Improvements Project which involves other improvements farther north on SR 65, some of them including modifications to on-ramps and off-ramps between the Stanford Ranch Road-Galleria Boulevard/SR 65 Interchange and the Pleasant Grove Boulevard/SR 65 Interchange. Future improvements will also include widening of southbound lanes on the SR 65 Overpass over the UPRR tracks.

During construction, a temporary minimum construction clearance envelope of 21 feet 6 inches vertically and 15 feet horizontally will be maintained from the centerline of the tracks. The new overpass section shall meet the vertical and horizontal clearance requirements of the Commission's GO 26-D.

Pursuant to Commission Resolution SX-76 and Section 16.2 of GO 26-D, Caltrans is granted a temporary deviation from GO 26-D, Section 2.1 and is authorized a temporary vertical clearance of not less than 21 feet-6 inches from the top of rail, during construction of the structure.

The following requirements shall apply to the temporary deviation of GO 26-D, Section 2.1:

1. Caltrans shall notify UPRR and the Commission's Safety and Enforcement Division – Rail Operations Safety Branch (ROSB) and Rail Crossings Engineering Branch (RCEB) at least 15 days but not more than 30 days in advance of the date when Caltrans will create the temporary reduced vertical clearance. For the Commission, this notification may be submitted electronically to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.
2. UPRR shall issue instructions to all individuals responsible for operation of trains over these tracks of the temporary reduced vertical clearance of 21 feet-6 inches, and shall submit the instructions in advance of the date when Caltrans will create the temporary reduced vertical clearance to the office of ROSB and RCEB. This notification may be submitted electronically to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.

The overall I-80/SR 65 Interchange Improvements Project, of which this project is a part, is not exempt from the requirements of the California Environment Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as amended [California Public Resources Code § 21084]. However, Caltrans has attached a letter to the GO 88-B request for this project that states as a modification of an existing grade-separated crossing, this project is statutorily exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended. [California Public Resources Code §21080.13].

The RCEB staff has investigated the request by Caltrans and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As Caltrans and UPRR (Parties) are in agreement as to the design and apportionments of the cost under the provisions of GO 88-B, Caltrans may proceed with the improvements as described in its request letter and attachments, and summarized above.

All Parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including other Commission General Orders and the latest version of the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CAMUTCD). Temporary traffic controls or detour plans shall be in compliance with the latest version of the CAMUTCD and detour plans as agreed to by the Parties.

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, Caltrans 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/>.

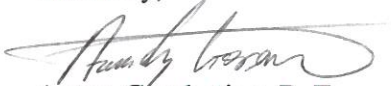
This report may be submitted electronically to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.

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. The 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 Marvin Kennix at (916) 928-3809 or email at mlk@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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