

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Dodds Road

San Joaquin County

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**SENT VIA E-MAIL**

**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter Dodds Road At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 002-1108.20 and DOT No. 028789V in the County of San Joaquin**

Dear Mr. Smith:

This refers to your letter dated June 14, 2017, received by us on June 20, 2017, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Dodds Road at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) track in the County of San Joaquin (County). The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 002-1108.20 and DOT No. 028789V.

The double track crossing is equipped with two curb mounted Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning devices. Dodds Road is a two-lane east/west running road. BNSF runs approximately 27 trains per day and Amtrak runs approximately 14 passenger trains per day over the crossing. The average daily traffic on Dodds Road is 158 vehicles.

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

- Constructing a new siding track approximately 15 feet west of the existing mainline track;
- Relocating the existing western Standard 9 warning device to accommodate the new track;
- Installing precast concrete panels surfaces for the new siding track; and
- Applying California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) compliant signage and pavement markings, including W10-1 advance warning signs, W48 "3 TRACKS" advance warning signs, and RXR and railroad limit pavement markings as shown on plans.

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

BNSF 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 Pubic Resources Code 21084].

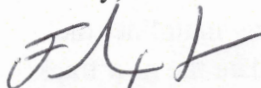
This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with or if the work is not completed within three years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to this office, the time to complete the project may be extended. Any written request for a time extension must include concurrence 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, BNSF 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).

At the conclusion of the project, BNSF should submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form (Form F6180.71) to the FRA, reflecting the changes. Title 49 CFR 234 Section 234.409 requires the railroads to submit periodic crossing inventory updates a minimum of once every three years. Commission requests a concurrent copy of the updated inventory form be submitted 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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C: Firoz Vohra, County of San Joaquin