

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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File Number: XREQ 2017090010

Miles Slattery
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City of Eureka
531 K Street
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SENT VIA E-MAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the First Street Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 104-284.19 and DOT No. 916041M in the City of Eureka, Humboldt County

Dear Mr. Slattery:

This refers to your letter dated September 24, 2015, received by us on September 25, 2017, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the First Street at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of North Coast Railroad Authority (NCRA) track in the City of Eureka (City), Humboldt County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 104-284.19 and DOT No. 916041M.

The single track crossing is paved over and warning devices are removed. There is no rail traffic over the crossing. The average daily traffic on First Street is 1,691 vehicles.

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

- Installing an 8-foot wide asphalt sidewalk on the south side of the crossing at an approximate 80 degree skew angle;
- Installing an 8-foot wide concrete crossing surface for the track;
- Installing Americans with Disabilities Act compliant detectable warning tactile strips on both approaches, located a minimum of 12 feet from the centerline of the track;
- Installing two curb-mounted Commission Standard 1-R (crossbuck sign on a post) warning devices with California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) R1-2 "YIELD" signs on each warning device; and
- A CA MUTCD W10-1 "RXR" railroad advance warning sign and pavement markings in each approach direction.

Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) staff has investigated the City's request, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As NCRA and the City 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. The City must complete all the proposed alterations mentioned above for RCEB to consider this GO 88-B application closed.

NCRA must also ensure that Emergency Notification Signs are installed to comply with CFR 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. 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, the City 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 as outlined on the web page.

At the conclusion of the project, NCRA should submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form (Form F6180.71) to the FRA, reflecting the changes. 49 CFR 234 Section 234.409 requires the railroads to submit periodic crossing inventory updates a minimum of once every three years.

If you have any questions, please contact David Stewart at (916) 928-2515 or atm@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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