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Soto Street Overpass
City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County

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SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Modify the Grade-Separated Highway-Rail Crossing at Soto Street Overpass, Identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001B-484.40-A and DOT No. 746845F, in the City and County of Los Angeles.

Dear Mr. Keckeisen:

This refers to your letter, received by us on September 19, 2017, requesting authorization pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Alhambra Subdivision main tracks under the Soto Street grade-separated highway-rail crossing (crossing), in the City and County of Los Angeles. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001B-484.40-A and DOT No. 746845F.

The crossing is a four-lane bridge structure that crosses over Valley Boulevard and three sets of UPRR tracks: two sets of tracks are active and one set is abandoned. UPRR operates eight freight trains and the National Passenger Railroad Corporation (Amtrak) operates four passenger trains daily, with a maximum speed of 30 miles per hour. The annual average daily traffic at Soto Street is approximately 27,790 vehicles.

As part of the UPRR Los Angeles Intermodal Facility Modernization Project, UPRR proposes to remove the abandoned track, identified as Track 105, and construct a new track, identified as Track 102, approximately 15 feet south of the existing main track centerline, as shown per plan.

The permanent horizontal clearance shall be approximately 23 feet 1 inch from the centerline of track to the existing overpass abutment. No temporary horizontal clearance is requested during construction. The permanent clearances comply with Commission GO 26-D minimum clearance requirements.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request by UPRR and finds that it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As UPRR and the City of Los Angeles 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 letter dated September 7, 2017, and

summarized above, are authorized. All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders and the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD), published by Caltrans.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with the current version of the CA MUTCD.

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 work is not completed within three years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to RCEB, 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, 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 Separation*. Form G requirements and forms can be obtained at the Commission web site 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, UPRR should electronically submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form (Form F6180.71) to the FRA, reflecting the changes. Commission requests a concurrent copy of the updated inventory form be submitted to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.

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

Sincerely,



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cc: **(SENT VIA E-MAIL)**
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