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File Number: XREQ 2018040002
Interstate 5 OH
City of Anderson, Shasta County

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SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Interstate 5 Grade-Separated Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 001C-246.40-A, in the City of Anderson, Shasta County.

Dear Ms. Melvin:

This refers to your letter, signed and dated March 28, 2018, and received by us on April 2, 2018, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission or CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the Interstate 5 grade-separated highway-rail crossing (crossing) in the City of Anderson, Shasta County, identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001C-246.40-A and Department of Transportation (DOT) No. 750486Y. The tracks are owned by the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR).

The grade-separated crossing is a four lane roadway on two structures traveling in the north/south direction owned by California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). At the crossing, UPRR operates approximately twenty-two freight trains daily at a maximum speed of 50 MPH and Amtrak operates approximately two passenger trains daily at a maximum speed of 60 MPH. The average daily traffic on Interstate 5 is 54,000 vehicles.

Caltrans proposal to modify the crossing shall consist of the following alterations as indicated in its request letter and/or shown on its plans: Construct a replacement vehicular bridge with a minimum vertical clearance of 23' - 4".

The Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request by Caltrans and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As Caltrans and UPRR are in agreement as to the design and apportionments of the cost under the provisions of GO 88-B, Caltrans may proceed with the alternations as described in its request letter and attachments, and summarized above. Caltrans must complete all the proposed alterations mentioned above for RCEB to consider this GO 88-B application closed.

Caltrans shall provide temporary traffic controls in compliance with Section 8A.08, Temporary Traffic Control Zones, of the CA MUTCD, latest edition, published by the Caltrans.

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All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission GOs and the CA MUTCD. This project is statutory exempt from the requirements of the California Environment Quality Act of 1970, as amended [California Pubic Resources Code 21080.13].

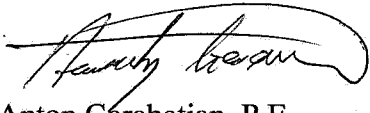
This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with or if the work is not completed within three years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to RCEB, the time to complete the project may be extended. Any written request for a time extension must include concurrence 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, Caltrans shall notify RCEB that the authorized work is completed, by submitting a completed Commission Standard Form G title *Report of Changes at Highway Grade Crossings and Separation*. 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.

At the conclusion of the project, the UPRR should electronically 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. Commission requests a concurrent copy of the updated inventory form be submitted to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Daniellia Fristoe at (916) 928-2108 or daniellia.fristoe@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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CC:

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