## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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File Number: XREQ 2018050004

J Street

City of Sacramento

Josh Werner Assistant Engineer City of Sacramento Department of Public Works 915 I Street, RM 2000 Sacramento, CA 95814

## SENT VIA E-MAIL

Re:

General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the J Street Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 004-138.60 and DOT No. 835116J in the City of Sacramento

Dear Mr. Werner:

This refers to your letter dated May 24, 2018, and received by us on May 29, 2018, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the J Street at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) track in the City of Sacramento (City) in Sacramento County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 004-138.60 and DOT No. 835116J.

The single track crossing is equipped with two curb mounted Commission Standard 9-A (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm and additional flashing light signals over the roadway on a cantilevered arm) warning devices. J Street is a one-way, three-lane eastbound running road. UPRR runs approximately six freight trains per day at a maximum speed of 25 mph over the crossing. The average daily traffic on J Street is 12,781 vehicles.

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

- Reducing and re-striping the number of driving lanes from three to two;
- Installing a bike lane on the south side of the street; and
- Applying California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) compliant signage and pavement markings, including W10-1 advance warning signs.

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

UPRR 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,

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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, 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 <a href="http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Crossings">http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Crossings</a>. This report may be submitted electronically to <a href="mailto:reeb@cpuc.ca.gov">reeb@cpuc.ca.gov</a> as outlined on the web page.

At the conclusion of the project, UPRR 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,

Anton Garabetian, P. E.

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Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch

Safety and Enforcement Division

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C: Kevin Yoder, UPRR