

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Pier B Street  
City of Long Beach, County of Los Angeles

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**SENT VIA EMAIL**

**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Pier B Street At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing Number 120LB-18.10-C and DOT 761542J in the City of Long Beach, County of Los Angeles**

Dear Mr. Luzzi:

This refers to your letter, dated June 11, 2018, received by us on June 13, 2018, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the Pier B Street at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the Port of Long Beach (POLB) Long Beach Subdivision Baxter Lead spur track, in the City Long Beach, County of Los Angeles. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 120LB-18.10-C and DOT Number 761542J.

The crossing is an east-west roadway with one through lane in each direction of traffic, with a single curved track crossing the roadway at approximately 30 degrees. The crossing is equipped with two curbed-mounted Commission Standard 1-R (crossbuck sign on a post) warning devices. POLB owns the railroad right-of-way, which is currently operated for freight rail service by Pacific Harbor Line, Inc. (PHL) freight trains. There is no train activity at this crossing and the spur line is disconnected from the Long Beach Subdivision tracks.

With the Baker Redevelopment Project located immediately south of the crossing, POLB proposes to reactivate the spur line and implement the following alterations at the crossing as described in the request and shown on the plans submitted with the request:

- Install one curb-mounted Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning device at the northeast quadrant of the crossing;
- Install one curb-mounted Commission Standard 9 warning device on the southwest quadrant of the crossing;
- Realign and raise the track to match elevations of the existing roadway;
- Install concrete panel surfacing at the crossing;
- Apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) compliant signage and markings, including W10-1, R8-10 "STOP HERE WHEN FLASHING;" "RXR," and railroad limit pavement markings.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request by the POLB and finds that it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As PHL and POLB 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 dated on June 11, 2018, and summarized above, are authorized. All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders and the current version of the CA MUTCD, published by the California Department of Transportation. PHL and POLB must complete all the proposed alterations mentioned above for RCEB to consider this GO 88-B application closed. Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with current version of the CA MUTCD. Refer to CA MUTCD Section 6G.18 and Figure 6H-46 regarding "Work in the Vicinity of a Grade Crossing."

PHL must ensure that Emergency Notification Systems signs are installed to comply with CFR 234.309. This project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended. [California Public Resources Code §21084].

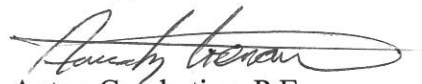
This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with, or if the work is not completed, within three years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to RCEB, the time to complete the project may be extended. Any written request for a time extension must include concurrence letters by involved parties in support of the time extension. If an extension is requested, RCEB may reevaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

Within 30 days after completion of this project, the POLB and/or PHL 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 CPUC 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) as outlined on the web page.

At the conclusion of the project, POLB/PHL 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](mailto:rceb@cpuc.ca.gov).

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

Sincerely,



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