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Chesterfield Drive
City of Encinitas, San Diego County

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SENT VIA E-MAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Chesterfield Drive At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 106-239.80 and DOT No. 026849V in City of Encinitas, San Diego County

Dear Mr. Magdosku:

This refers to your letter dated June 27, 2018, received by us on July 11, 2018, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission or CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Chesterfield Drive at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the North County Transit District – COASTER (NCTC) track in City of Encinitas (City), San Diego County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 106-239.80 and DOT No. 026849V.

The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) is constructing modifications at the crossing. CPUC staff previously authorized those modifications in a letter to SANDAG dated August 17, 2016 (refer to XREQ 2016070001).

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

- Install four Standard 9E (Commission Standard 9 installed on the departure side of the at-grade crossing, also known as an exit gate) warning devices;
- Install vehicle detection system at the crossing; and
- Maintain height of signs to ensure visibility of the railroad flashers.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the City's request, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the City and NCTC 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 request closed.

NCTC must ensure that Emergency Notification Signs are installed to comply with Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 234.309.

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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, RCEB may reevaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

Within 30 days after completion of this project, 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.

At the conclusion of the project, NCTC should electronically submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form (Form F6180.71) to the FRA, reflecting the changes. Title 49 CFR 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 Kevin Schumacher at kevin.schumacher@cpuc.ca.gov or (415) 310-9807.

Sincerely,



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