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Gilman Street
City of Berkeley, Alameda County

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SENT VIA E-MAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Gilman Street Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 001A-7.06 and DOT No. 751199P, in the City of Berkeley, County of Alameda.

Dear Mr. Liang:

This refers to your letter received by us via email on August 3, 2018, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Gilman Street at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) track in the City of Berkeley (City), Alameda County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001A-7.06 and DOT Crossing No. 751199P.

Gilman Street has an average daily traffic of 23,144 vehicles. Approximately 10 freight trains and 44 Passenger trains pass through the crossing each day at a maximum speed of 79 miles per hour.

The alterations, as indicated in the City's request letter and/or shown on the plans shall consist of:

- Installing new sidewalks and curbs on both sides of the street;
- Installing two CPUC Standard (Automatic Flashing Light Signal Assembly) warning devices, one each in the northwest and southeast quadrants;
- Installing American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant detectable warning tactile strips in all quadrants a minimum of 12 feet from centerline of tracks; and
- Applying California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) standard signage and pavement markings, including pavement markings depicting the pedestrian travel way.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) staff has investigated the request by the City, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As UPRR and the City (Parties) are in agreement as to the design and apportionments of the cost under the provisions of GO 88-B, the City may proceed with the improvements as

described in its request letter and attachments, and summarized above. UPRR and the City must complete all the proposed alterations mentioned above for RCEB to consider this GO 88-B application closed.

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

All Parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including other Commission General Orders and the latest version of the CA MUTCD. Temporary traffic controls shall be in compliance with the latest version of the 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. A written request for a time extension must include concurrence letters by interested 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 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 CPUC web site at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/crossings/>. This report may be submitted electronically to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.

At the conclusion of the project, UPRR should submit an updated electronic inventory form (Form F6180.71) to the Federal Railroad Administration, 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. The Commission requests a concurrent copy of the updated inventory form be submitted to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Felix Ko at (415) 703-3722 or email at felix.ko@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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