

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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LOS ANGELES, CA 90013



October 18, 2018

File Number: XREQ 2018100001  
North 1<sup>st</sup> Ave (Overhead)  
City of Barstow, San Bernardino County

Domingo Gonzales  
Engineering Services Administrator  
City of Barstow  
220 E. Mountain View Street, Suite A  
Barstow, CA 92311

**SENT VIA E-MAIL**

**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Modify the North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Grade-Separated Highway-Rail Crossing Identified as CPUC Crossing Number 002-746.50-A and DOT Number 026058H, in the City of Barstow, San Bernardino County.**

Dear Mr. Gonzales:

This refers to your letter received by us on October 1, 2018, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC/Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the grade-separated highway-rail North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Overhead crossing (crossing) over the BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) tracks in the City of Barstow (City), San Bernardino County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 002-746.50-A and DOT Number 026058H.

The existing bridge consists of two lanes, one in each direction, which cross over a classification yard owned by BNSF, including two main tracks and 13 siding and storage tracks. The City proposes to replace the crossing bridge to provide a new structure with full shoulders and a sidewalk along the east side of the bridge. Approximately 80 freight trains and three passenger trains travel over the mainline tracks at a maximum speed of 80 mph.

The City proposes to construct a new two-lane bridge to the west of the existing two-lane timber bridge. Horizontal and vertical clearances meet or exceed the requirements of GO 26-D. Once the new bridge is complete, the existing structure will be demolished.

The Commission's RCEB investigated the request filed by City and finds that it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the City and BNSF 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 received by us on October 1, 2018, and summarized above, are authorized.

This project is statutorily exempt from the requirements of the California Environment Quality Act of 1970, as amended [California Public Resources Code 21080.13].

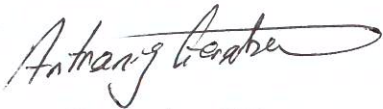
This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with, or if the work is not completed within, three years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to RCEB, the time to complete the project may be extended. Any written request for a time extension must include concurrence letters by involved parties in support of the time extension. If an extension is requested, RCEB may 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 titled *Report of Changes at Highway Grade Crossings and Separations*. Form G requirements and forms can be obtained at the Commission web site at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Crossings>. This report may be submitted electronically to [rceb@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:rceb@cpuc.ca.gov).

At the conclusion of the project, BNSF should electronically submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form (Form F6180.71) to the FRA, reflecting the changes. 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 Sergio Licon at (213) 576-7085 or [sal@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:sal@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch  
Safety and Enforcement Division

cc: **(SENT VIA E-MAIL)**  
Tiera Adams, BNSF