

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Mill Street

City of San Bernardino, San Bernardino County

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**SENT VIA E-MAIL**

**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Mill Street At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing Identified as CPUC Crossing No. 101SG-58.70 and DOT Crossing No. 027215C in the City of San Bernardino, San Bernardino County.**

Dear Mr. Qishta:

This refers to your letter dated and received by us on October 24, 2018, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Mill Street at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) Redlands Branch track in San Bernardino (City), San Bernardino County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 101SG-58.70 and DOT Number 027215C.

The crossing is part of the Redlands Passenger Rail Project (Project). The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) is reviewing the other Project crossings modifications altogether. Accordingly, the approval of the requested crossing modifications exceeds the GO 88-B mandated 45-day period.

The crossing is comprised of one track through a four-lane roadway, with two traffic lanes in each direction. The crossing is equipped with two curb-mounted Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) and two median mounted Commission Standard 9 warning devices. Mill Street and S. Allen Street form a stop sign controlled intersection approximately 500 feet east of the crossing.

Currently there is no rail traffic at the crossing. However, once the Project is complete, it is expected that BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) will operate approximately two trains per day at a maximum speed of 25 miles per hour (MPH), and the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA/Metrolink) will operate approximately four trains per day at a maximum speed of 50 MPH. An additional 50 Redlands Passenger Rail Project trains are expected to travel through the crossing by the Redlands Passenger Rail Project at a maximum speed of 50 MPH. This new system will be operated by Omnitrans. The average daily traffic at the crossing is approximately 24,895 vehicles.

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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 titled *Report of Changes at Highway Grade Crossings and Separations*. 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).

At the conclusion of the project, SCRRA should electronically submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form (Form F6180.71) 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. RCEB 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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