STATE OF CALIFORNIA Gavin Newsom, Governor

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

320 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 500 Los Angeles, CA 90013

August 14, 2019

Bruce W. Armistead Director of Operations and Maintenance California High-Speed Rail Authority 770 L Street, Suite 620 Sacramento, CA 95814



File Number: XREQ 2016080002TE W. Olive Avenue, Fresno

## **SENT VIA E-MAIL**

Re:

Time Extension Request for General Order 88-B Authorization XREQ2016080002 to Alter the W. Olive Avenue Grade At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 001B-203.10 and DOT No. 757322G in the City of Fresno, County of Fresno.

Dear Mr. Armistead:

This refers to your letter, received by us on March 28, 2019, requesting an extension of time to comply with the provisions of the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B approval letter XREQ2016080002 issued on September 6, 2016. XREQ2016080002 authorized the alteration of the existing W. Olive Avenue at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of Union Pacific Railroad's (UPRR) two mainline tracks to construct the proposed overhead grade separation in the City of Fresno (City), County of Fresno.

The GO 88-B authorization expires on September 6, 2019. The California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) is requesting an extension of 36 months to complete the overhead grade separation structure and trackwork improvements. UPRR and the City have concurred with the requested time extension.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the time extension request and finds that there has been no substantial change in circumstances since the granting of the original authority. RCEB has no objections to the requested extension.

In consideration of the above, CHSRA is granted an extension of time to September 6, 2022, to complete the alterations of the crossing. In all other respects, the approval letter issued on September 6, 2016, shall remain in full force and effect.

XREQ 2016080002TE Bruce W. Armistead August 14, 2019 Page 2 of 2

If you have any questions, please contact Marvin Kennix at (916) 928-3809 or email at mlk@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Antranig Garabetian, P. E.

Program and Project Supervisor

Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch

Rail Safety Division

Cc: Mary Schroll, UPRR

Andrew Benelli, City of Fresno