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File Number: XREQ 2019040009
Placentia Street (Overhead)
City of Riverside, Riverside County

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SENT VIA E-MAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Modify the Placentia Street Grade-Separated Highway-Rail Crossing Identified as CPUC Crossing Number 002X-15.40-A (101PV-80.23-A) and DOT Number 027334L, in Unincorporated Riverside County.

Dear Mr. Menor:

This refers to your letter dated April 5, 2019 received by us on April 11, 2019, requesting authorization pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC/Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the grade-separated Placentia Street crossing (crossing) over the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) tracks in Unincorporated Riverside County (County). The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 002X-15.40-A (101PV-80.23-A) and DOT Number 027334L.

The crossing consists of two traffic lanes in each direction over two mainline railroad tracks owned by the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) and maintained by SCRRA. BNSF also operates freight trains over this line. The proposed alterations will provide an additional 12 foot wide traffic lane and 10 foot wide equestrian trail, as shown on the plans. Approximately 12 passenger trains operate on the railroad tracks at a maximum speed of 79 miles per hour (mph) and one freight train operates at a maximum speed of 30 mph daily. The average daily vehicle traffic is 9,500.

The RCTC proposes to widen the south side of the crossing structure by approximately 38 feet 2 inches.

All proposed permanent clearances will comply with Commission GO 26-D minimum clearance requirements. RCTC did not request any temporary clearance reductions.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request filed by the RCTC and finds that it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As RCTC and SCRRA 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 April 11, 2019, 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].

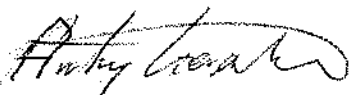
This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with or if the work is not completed within three years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to RCEB, the time to complete the project may be extended. Any written request for a time extension must include concurrence 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, the RCTC 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.

At the conclusion of the project, SCRRA 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.

If you have any questions, please contact Sergio Licon at (213) 576-7085 or sal@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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