

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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September 3, 2020

File Number: XREQ2017090006
Santa Ana Freeway (I-5) Overpass
Cities of Laguna Hills and Mission Viejo, Orange County

Erika Irizarry
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California Department of Transportation
1750 East 4th Street, Suite 100
Santa Ana, CA 92705

SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: Time Extension Request for General Order 88-B for Authorization to Modify the Grade-Separated Highway-Rail at Santa Ana Freeway (I-5) Overpass, identified as CPUC Crossing No. 101OR-190.50-A, and DOT Crossing No. 026778B, in the Cities of Laguna Hills and Mission Viejo, Orange County.

Dear Ms. Irizarry:

This refers to your letter, dated August 12, 2020, received by us on September 1, 2020, requesting an extension of time to comply with the provisions of the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B approval letter XREQ2017090006. XREQ2017090006 authorized the alteration of the Santa Ana Freeway (I-5) grade-separated highway-rail crossing (crossing) over the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA/Metrolink) Orange Line main tracks in the Cities of Laguna Hills and Mission Viejo (Cities), Orange County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 101OR-190.50-A and DOT No. 026778B. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is managing the freeway widening and realignment project above the tracks.

The original authorization was granted on October 9, 2017 with an initial expiration date of October 9, 2020. Unforeseen issues with utility relocations have resulted in significant construction delays. Caltrans is therefore requesting additional time to complete the modifications. The Cities and SCRRA have concurred with the requested time extension.

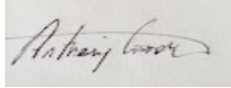
The Commission's Rail Crossing and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the time extension request and finds that there has been no substantial change in circumstances or design since the granting of the original authority. RCEB has no objections to the requested extension. In consideration of the above, Caltrans is granted time extension to October 9, 2023, to complete the alterations of the crossing. In all other respects, the approval letter issued on October 9, 2017, shall remain in full force and effect.

Within 30 days after completion of this project, Caltrans shall notify RCEB that the authorized work is completed, by submitting a Commission Standard Form G titled *Report of Changes at Highway Grade Crossings and Separation*. 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.

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If you have any questions, please contact Howard Huie at (415) 308-0533 or hkh@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Anton Garabetian".

Anton Garabetian, P.E.
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cc: **(SENT VIA EMAIL)**
Edward Francis, California Department of Transportation
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