

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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October 7, 2020

File Number: XREQ 2017110001TE
State Route 156
Castroville, Monterey County

Joseph Andreu
District 5 Railroad Liaison Officer
California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
50 Higuera Street,
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Re: Time Extension Request for General Order 88-B Authorization XREQ2017110001 to Alter the State Route 156 Grade Separated Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 001E-106.65-A, and DOT No. 752332V, in the City of Castroville, Monterey County.

Dear Mr. Andreu:

This refers to your letter dated September 9, 2020, received by us on September 25, 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 XREQ 2017110001 issued on November 14, 2017.

XREQ 2017110001 authorized the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to modify the State Route 156 grade-separated highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) track in the City of Castroville (City), Monterey County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001E-106.65-A and DOT No. 752332V.

The crossing consists of two above grade bridges carrying eastbound and westbound vehicular traffic over a single UPRR track. The crossing existing vertical clearance of 21 feet – 7 inches does not meet the GO 26-D requirement of 22 feet – 6 inches. The proposed alterations to the crossing will maintain the existing vertical clearance of 21 feet – 7 inches.

The GO 88-B authorization will expire on November 13, 2020. Caltrans is requesting an extension to November 14, 2023, to complete the alteration of the crossing. Caltrans delayed construction as resources were dedicated to state-wide emergency repairs. UPRR has concurred with the requested time extension.

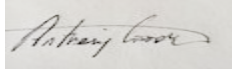
The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch has investigated the time extension request and finds that there has been no substantial change in circumstances since granting of the original authority. Caltrans variance request to limit the bridge clearance to 21 feet and 7 inches remains in effect. RCEB has no objections to the requested extension.

In consideration of the above, Caltrans is granted an extension to November 14, 2023, to complete the crossing's alterations. The approval letter issued on November 14, 2017 shall remain in full force and effect in all other respects.

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If you have any questions, please contact Adé Sogbesan at (415) 703-1869 or email at es3@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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

Anton Garabetian, P. E.
Program Manager
Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch
Rail Safety Division

Cc: Peggy Ygbuhay, UPRR
Patrick Mason, DOT