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                                                                        7th Street
                                                              Oakland, Alameda County

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<u>**SENT VIA EMAIL**</u>

Re: **General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the 7th Street Grade-Separated Highway–Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 001D-4.77-B, and DOT No. 972497A, in the City of Oakland, County of Alameda.**

Dear Mr. Huisingh:

This refers to your letter, dated January 17, 2020 and received by us on February 3, 2020, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the 7th Street grade-separated highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) track in the City of Oakland (City), County of Alameda (County). The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001D-4.77-B and DOT No. 972497A.

The crossing configuration consists of six tracks over a four-lane roadway. An average of 20 freight trains run over the crossing at a maximum speed of 10 miles per hour. The roadway speed limit is 30 miles per hour with an average daily traffic of 8,576 vehicles.

The proposed alternations, as indicated in the Alameda County Transportation Commission's (ACTC) request letter and/or shown on its plans, shall consist of:
- Relocating 7th Street, and the grade separated crossing, north.
- Increasing the roadway lanes widths.
- Adding a 4 foot inside and an 8 foot outside shoulder.
- Installing a multiuse 14-foot-wide pedestrian and bike path that is separated from the roadway by a barrier

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request by the ACTC and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the ACTC, City, Port of Oakland, and UPRR agree to the design and apportionments of the cost under the provisions of GO 88-B, the ACTC may proceed with the alternations as described in its request letter and attachments and summarized above.

The City shall provide temporary traffic controls in compliance with Section 8A.08, Temporary Traffic Control Zones, of the CA MUTCD, 2014 Edition, published by the California Department of Transportation.

All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders and the latest version of the CA MUTCD.

This project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended [California Pubic 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 re-evaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

Within 30 days after completion of this project, the ACTC shall notify RCEB that the authorized work is completed by submitting a completed Commission Standard Form G. Form G requirements and forms can be obtained at the Commission web site page at http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Crossings. This report may be submitted electronically to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.

At the conclusion of the project, UPRR must submit an updated electronic inventory form (Form F6180.71) to the Federal Railroad Administration, reflecting the changes. The Commission requests a concurrent copy of the updated inventory form be submitted to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Sia Mozaffari at (415) 703-1815 or siavash.mozaffari@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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