

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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File Number: XREQ 2020030003  
Hwy 99 McConnell Underpass  
City of Elk Grove, Sacramento County

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**SENT VIA EMAIL**

**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Hwy 99 McConnell Underpass Grade Separated Highway–Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 001BEL-55.34-B, and DOT No. 752744H, in the City of Elk Grove, County of Sacramento.**

Dear Mr. Estrada:

This refers to your letter, dated March 24, 2020, received by us on March 25, 2020, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Hwy 99 McConnell Underpass grade separated highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) track in the City of Elk Grove, County of Sacramento. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001BEL-55.34-B, DOT Crossing No. 752744H.

The Hwy 99 McConnell Underpass is a southbound two lane, grade separated crossing under a single UPRR track. Thirty freight trains operate per day at the crossing at a maximum speed of 79 miles per hour. The crossing average daily traffic is 42,241 vehicles.

The proposed alternations, as indicated in the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) request letter and/or shown on its plans, shall consist of:

- Demolition and replacement of the existing Hwy 99 McConnell Underpass. This project will be performed in conjunction with the demolition and removal of the existing McConnell overpass project (see XREQ2020030002), and construction of a single, combined northbound/southbound replacement structure carrying vehicular traffic on Hwy 99 over the railroad's milepost 55.37.
- The new combined grade separated structure will be designated as CPUC Crossing No. 001BEL-55.37-A and DOT Crossing No.975419D.

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

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

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 Environment Quality Act of 1970, as amended [California Public Resources Code 21080.13].

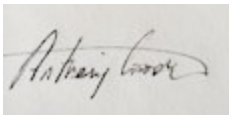
This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with or if the work is not completed within three years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to RCEB, the time to complete the project may be extended. Any written request for a time extension must include concurrence letters by involved parties in support of the time extension. If an extension is requested, RCEB may re-evaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

Within 30 days after completion of this project, Caltrans 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](mailto: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](mailto:rceb@cpuc.ca.gov).

If you have any questions, please contact David Stewart at (916) 928-2515 or [david.stewart@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:david.stewart@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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