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File Number: XREQ 2020040002
Avenida Encinas Overhead
City of Carlsbad, San Diego County

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SENT VIA E-MAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Modify the Avenida Encinas Grade-Separated Highway-Rail Crossing, Identified as CPUC Crossing Number 106-234.10-A, and DOT Crossing Number 917849G, in the City of Carlsbad, San Diego County

Dear Mr. DeWitt:

This refers to your letter dated and received by us on March 27, 2020, requesting authorization pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC/Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B to modify the Avenida Encinas grade-separated highway-rail crossing (crossing) at the North County Transit District (NCTD) Coaster track in the City of Carlsbad (City), San Diego County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 106-234.10-A and DOT Crossing Number 917849G.

San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) plans to construct an additional railroad track at the crossing. NCTD operates and maintains the railroad tracks.

SANDAG proposes to make the following alterations, as discussed in the request and shown on the plans:

- Shift the existing east mainline track north of the overhead and construct a new track south of the overhead to provide 15.3' between the track centerlines
- Remove the existing chain link fence and install 6' chain link fence on both sides of the railroad, north and south of the overhead
- Provide minimum vertical clearance of 24'-8" from the existing bridge soffit to the top of rail
- Construct a pier protection wall with 15' minimum horizontal clearance from the face of the wall to the centerline of the east mainline track

The minimum vertical and horizontal clearances shall comply with Commission GO 26-D.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request filed by SANDAG, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the City and NCTD 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 dated March 27, 2020, and summarized above, are authorized. All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders and the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

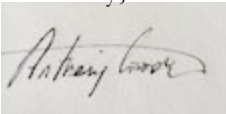
This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with or if the work is not completed within three years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to RCEB, the time to complete the project may be extended. Any written request for a time extension must include concurrence 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, SANDAG 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 at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/crossings/>. This report may be submitted electronically to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.

At the conclusion of the project, NCTD shall submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form (Form F6180.71) to the FRA, reflecting the changes.

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

Sincerely,



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cc: **(SENT VIA E-MAIL)**
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