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Reeves Avenue
City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County

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SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Reeves Avenue At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing Number 120AF-19.40-C and DOT Number 927843T in the City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County

Dear Mr. Walsh:

This refers to your letter, dated April 29, 2020, received by us on May 10, 2020, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the Reeves Avenue highway-rail at-grade crossing (crossing) of the Pacific Harbor Line (PHL) Alameda Corridor Sub, in the City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County (County). The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 120AF-19.40-C and DOT No. 927843T.

The Reeves Avenue crossing (crossing) consists of a single curved track generally north-south oriented through the T-intersection of northeast-southwest oriented Reeves Avenue and the northwest-southeast oriented Nimitz Road. The crossing is equipped with two Commission Standard 9-A (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm and additional flashing light signals over the roadway on a cantilevered arm) warning devices, one on each public roadway approach. Approximately 4 freight trains operate daily at the crossing, with a maximum speed of 10 miles per hour. The average daily traffic at Reeves Avenue and Nimitz Road is approximately 1,130 vehicles. Public traffic moves uncontrolled through the curved intersection. Private one-way maintenance roadways run along either side of the tracks north of the crossing, controlled with a "STOP" sign for vehicles entering the public intersection west of the tracks.

The track crosses Reeves Avenue east of the border of City of Los Angeles and City of Long Beach. The rail at this location is owned by the Port of Los Angeles (POLA), an agency of the City of Los Angeles. The crossing is under the jurisdiction of the Port of Long Beach (POLB), an agency of the City of Long Beach. The railroad right-of-way is owned by POLB and PHL operates freight service on the rail corridor. Under an existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between POLA and POLB, POLA agrees to relocate the track and infrastructure through this crossing from POLB jurisdiction to POLA jurisdiction when feasible.

POLA proposes to relocate the single-track crossing 75 feet to the west of its location. The proposed relocation places the crossing in the City of Los Angeles, under the jurisdiction of POLA, with right of way owned by POLA. POLA proposes the following modifications to the crossing:

- Remove the track and concrete panels at the crossing.
- Relocate track 75 feet west of current location.
- Construct one additional track west of and adjacent to the relocated track.
- Install new concrete grade crossing panels on both tracks.
- Relocate railroad signal house to east to accommodate relocated track.
- Relocate Commission Standard 9-A warning devices adjacent to new crossing location.
- Install flexible post lane delineators, approximately 70 feet in length, west of crossing.
- Install flexible post lane delineators east of crossing, through Reeves Avenue and Nimitz Road intersection curve.
- Apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) standard signage and pavement markings.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request by the POLA and finds that it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As POLA, POLB, and PHL 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 letter received on May 10, 2020, and summarized above, are authorized.

As the track relocation places the crossing from the Port of Long Beach rail system into the Port of Los Angeles rail system, the proposed relocated crossing shall be identified as CPUC Crossing Number 121AF-19.45-C.

All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission GOs and the current version of CAMUTCD, published by California Department of Transportation. POLA must complete all the proposed alterations mentioned above for RCEB to consider this GO 88-B application closed.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with the current version of the CA MUTCD. Refer to CA MUTCD Section 6G.18 and Figure 6H-46 regarding "Work in the Vicinity of a Grade Crossing."

PHL must ensure that Emergency Notification Systems signs are installed on new warning devices to comply with CFR 234.309.

This project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended. [California Public Resources Code §21084].

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 reevaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

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

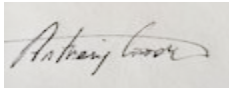
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Grade Crossings and Separation. Form G requirements and forms can be obtained at the CPUC web site at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/crossings>. This report may be submitted electronically to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.

At the conclusion of the project, PHL should electronically submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form (Form F6180.71) to the FRA, reflecting the changes. 49 CFR 234 Section 234.409 requires the railroads to submit periodic crossing inventory updates a minimum of once every three years. Commission requests a concurrent copy of the updated inventory form be submitted to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Matthew Cervantes at (213) 266-4716, or mci@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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