

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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July 15, 2020

File Number: XREQ 2020070001
Bear Valley Road (Overhead)
City of Victorville, San Bernardino County

Brian Gengler
City Engineer
City of Victorville
14343 Civic Drive
Victorville, CA 92392

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Modify the Bear Valley Road Grade-Separated Highway-Rail Crossing, Identified as CPUC Crossing Number 002-41.60-A and DOT Number 026086L, in the City of Victorville, San Bernardino County.

Dear Mr. Gengler:

This refers to your letter dated June 11, 2020, received by us on July 1, 2020, requesting authorization pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC/Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the grade-separated Bear Valley Road crossing (crossing) over the BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) tracks in the City of Victorville (City), San Bernardino County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 002-41.60-A and DOT Number 026086L.

Bear Valley Road has six 11-foot lanes separated by a four-foot striped median and one five-foot sidewalk on the north side. The proposed alterations will provide six 12-foot lanes separated by a 12-foot striped median, with two eight-foot shoulders and two six-foot sidewalks, as shown on the plans. The average daily vehicle traffic is 70,400 on Bear Valley Road and approximately 74 freight trains and two passenger trains travel over the railroad tracks at a maximum speed of 60 mph.

The City proposes the following alterations to the crossing:

- Widen the bridge structure by 21 feet on the north side.
- Widen the bridge structure by 13 feet 3 inches on the south side.
- Construct crash walls.
- Perform seismic retrofits and pavement rehabilitation on the bridge structure.
- Provide a minimum vertical clearance of 23 feet 5 inches for all new bridge structure construction.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request filed by the City and finds that it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the City and BNSF 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 June 11, 2020, and summarized above, are authorized.

This project is statutorily exempt from the requirements of the California Environment Quality Act of 1970, as amended [California Public Resources Code 21080.13].

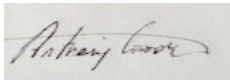
This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with, or if the work is not completed within three years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to RCEB, the time to complete the project may be extended. Any written request for a time extension must include concurrence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

Within 30 days after completion of this project, the City shall notify RCEB that the authorized work is completed, by submitting a completed Commission Standard Form G titled *Report of Changes at Highway Grade Crossings and Separations*. 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, BNSF should electronically submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form (Form F6180.71) to the FRA, reflecting the changes. Commission requests a concurrent copy of the updated inventory form be submitted to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Sergio Licon at (213) 576-7085 or sal@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch
Rail Safety Division

cc: **(SENT VIA E-MAIL)**
Kate Kalinosky, BNSF