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File Number: XREQ 2020070007
S. Tustin (SR 55) OH
City of Tustin, Orange County

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550 South Main Street
Orange, CA 92863

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Modify the S. Tustin (SR 55) OH Grade-Separated Highway-Rail Crossing, Identified as CPUC Crossing Number 101OR-177.40-A, and DOT Crossing Number 026745N, in the City of Tustin, Orange County.

Dear Ms. Perez:

This refers to your letter dated and received by us on July 23, 2020, requesting authorization pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC/Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B to modify the South Tustin (SR 55) grade-separated highway-rail crossing (crossing) at the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA/Metrolink) Orange Line track in the City of Tustin, Orange County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 101OR-177.40-A and DOT Crossing Number 026745N.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in cooperation with the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), plans to construct additional vehicular traffic lanes over the crossing. SCRRA operates and maintains the railroad tracks. BNSF Railway and the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK) also operate on the rail line. Approximately 69 passenger and 6 freight trains operate daily, at a maximum speed of 90 MPH and 55 MPH, respectively.

OCTA proposes to extend the existing vehicular overpass on the east side of the structure, widening the bridge from approximately 188 feet to 226 feet, as shown in the plans included with the request. The proposed vertical and horizontal clearances meet the requirements of Commission GO 26-D. No temporary variances are requested.

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

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request by OCTA and finds that it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As Caltrans, OCTA, and SCRRA 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 July 23, 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, published by Caltrans.

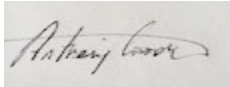
This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with or if the work is not completed within three years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to RCEB, the time to complete the project may be extended. Any written request for a time extension must include concurrence 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, OCTA 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, SCRRA 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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