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W. Modesto Overhead
City of Modesto, County of Stanislaus

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SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the W. Modesto Overhead Grade-Separated Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 001B-111.00-A, and DOT Crossing No. 752853L, in the City of Modesto, County of Stanislaus.

Dear Ms. Hernandez:

This refers to your letter dated and received by us on October 28, 2020, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter State Route 99, W. Modesto Overhead grade-separated highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) tracks, in the City of Modesto (City), County of Stanislaus. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001B-111.00-A and DOT Crossing No. 752853L.

The crossing has two tracks, one main and one siding, aligned in a northwesterly-southeasterly direction with six lanes above it aligned in a north-south direction. UPRR operates 20 freight trains per day at a maximum speed of 40 miles per hour.

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

- Seismically retrofitting the overhead structure by primarily reinforcing the existing concrete hinges with pipe seat extenders (steel poles).
- Installing chain link fencing on the overhead structure.
- Installing slope paving of the embankments to prevent erosion.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request by Caltrans and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As Caltrans, UPRR, and the City (Parties) agree to the design and apportionments of the cost under the provisions of GO 88-B, Caltrans may proceed with the alterations as described in its request letter and attachments and summarized above. Caltrans must complete all the proposed alterations mentioned above for RCEB to consider this GO 88-B application closed.

The Parties shall provide temporary traffic controls in compliance with Section 8A.08, Temporary Traffic Control Zones, of the 2014 California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices-Revision 5 (CAMUTCD), published by Caltrans. All Parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders and the latest version of the CAMUTCD.

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

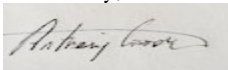
This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with or if the work is not completed within three years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to RCEB, the time to complete the project may be extended. Any written request for a time extension must include concurrence 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, Caltrans shall notify RCEB that the authorized work is completed by submitting a completed Commission Standard Form G. Form G requirements can be obtained at the Commission's website at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/crossings>. This report may be submitted electronically to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.

At the conclusion of the project, Caltrans 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.

If you have any questions, please contact Marvin Kennix at (916) 597-5760 or email at mlk@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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