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Hackstaff Road
County of Lassen

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SENT VIA E-MAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Hackstaff Road At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 004-362.40, and DOT No. 834611U, in the County of Lassen.

Dear Mr. Millar:

This refers to your letter, dated May 26, 2020, received by us on February 22, 2021, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Hackstaff Road at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks in the County of Lassen (County). The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 004-362.40 and DOT No. 834611U.

The double-track crossing is equipped with two curb mounted Commission Standard 1-R (Crossbuck sign on a post) and "YIELD" warning signs. Hackstaff Road is a two-lane, east/west running road at the crossing location. UPRR runs six freight trains per day at a maximum speed of 60 miles per hour over the crossing. The average daily traffic on Hackstaff Road is 137 vehicles.

The proposed alterations, as indicated in the County's request letter and/or shown on its plans, shall consist of:

- Replacing the existing Commission Standard 1-R and "Yield" warning signs with curb mounted Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning devices.
- Installing a pre-cast concrete panel crossing surface for both tracks.
- Applying the 2014 California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices-Revision 5 (CAMUTCD) compliant signage and pavement markings, including W10-1, W48 (CA) "2 TRACKS" advance warning signs, and "RXR" and railroad limit pavement markings.

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

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UPRR must ensure that Emergency Notification System signs are installed to comply with Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 234.309.

The County shall provide temporary traffic controls in compliance with Section 8A.08, Temporary Traffic Control Zones, of the CAMUTCD, published by California Department of Transportation.

All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders and the latest version of the CAMUTCD.

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

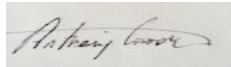
This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with or if the work is not completed within three years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to RCEB, the time to complete the project may be extended. Any written request for a time extension must include concurrence 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, the County 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 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, UPRR 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. 49 CFR 234 Section 234.409 requires the railroads to submit periodic crossing inventory updates a minimum of once every three years.

If you have any questions, please contact David Stewart at (916) 928-2515 or atm@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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