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File Number: XREQ 2021050011
West Prado (SR-91) OH
City of Corona, Riverside County

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SENT VIA E-MAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Modify the West Prado State Route 91 Grade-Separated Highway-Rail Crossing, Identified as CPUC Crossing No. 002B-29.54-A and DOT No. 026533K, in City of Corona, Riverside County.

Dear Mr. Johnston:

This refers to your letter dated May 17, 2021, received by us on May 18, 2021, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the grade-separated West Prado State Route (SR) 91 crossing (crossing) over the BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) tracks in the City of Corona, Riverside County. The crossing is identified by CPUC Crossing No. 002B-29.54-A and DOT No. 026533K.

The crossing consists of a 13-lane roadway bridge that crosses over the two BNSF tracks. The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), in collaboration with Caltrans, proposes to construct a new two-lane roadway bridge above BNSF tracks, just south of the existing bridge. The new bridge will provide an on-ramp access from Green River Road to eastbound SR 91. Due to its proximity to the existing SR 91 grade separated (West Prado OH) crossing, it will be considered part of the existing crossing.

The project proposes a temporary impaired vertical clearance requirement from Commission GO 26-D during construction of 21 feet and 6 inches. BNSF operates freight trains on this line and owns the right of way. BNSF is in agreement with the temporary impaired vertical clearance. Upon completion, the crossing will have a permanent minimum vertical clearance of 26 feet and 8 inches and a horizontal clearance of 28 feet and 5 inches to the nearest track.

Pursuant to Commission Resolution SX-76 and Section 16.2 of GO 26-D, RCTC is granted a temporary deviation from GO 26-D, Section 2.1 and is authorized a temporary overhead clearance of not less than 21 feet 6 inches above the top of the highest rail to the lowest of point on the overhead structure during construction.

The Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request filed by RCTC and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As RCTC, Caltrans, 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 May 17, 2021, 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 re-evaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

Within 30 days after completion of this project, the RCTC and/or BNSF 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 shall submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form to the FRA, reflecting the changes. Commission requests a concurrent copy of the updated inventory form be submitted to rces@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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