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Harding Way
City of Stockton

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SENT VIA E-MAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Harding Way Grade-Separated Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 001BEL-82.94-B and DOT No. 752896E, in the City of Stockton, County of San Joaquin.

Dear Mr. Sheridan:

This refers to your letter dated May 7, 2021, received by us on June 21, 2021, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Harding Way grade-separated highway-rail crossing (crossing) of Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks in the City of Stockton (City), County of San Joaquin. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001BEL-82.94-B and DOT No. 752896E.

UPRR runs 32 freight trains per day at a maximum speed of 40 miles per hour over the crossing. San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRRRC) and Amtrak run eight passenger trains per day at a maximum speed of 40 miles per hour over the crossing. The average daily traffic on Harding Way is 18,100 vehicles.

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

- Constructing an approximately 20-foot-wide rail bridge structure adjacent to west side of the existing grade-separated highway rail crossing over Harding Way.
- Installing one new track on the new bridge structure.

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

SJRRRC shall provide temporary traffic controls in compliance with Section 8A.08, Temporary Traffic Control Zones, of the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CAMUTCD), published by the California Department of Transportation.

SJRRRC shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission GOs and the latest version of the CAMUTCD.

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

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.

Within 30 days after completion of this project, SJRRC shall notify RCEB that the authorized work is completed by submitting a completed Commission Standard Form G. Form G requirement 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.

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.

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

Sincerely,



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