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Las Pulgas Road
Marine Corp Base Camp Pendleton, San Diego County

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SENT VIA E-MAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Modify the Las Pulgas Road Grade-Separated Highway-Rail Crossing, Identified as CPUC Crossing Number 106-217.30-A and DOT Crossing Number 026806C, at Marine Corp Base Camp Pendleton, San Diego County.

Dear Mr. Smith:

This refers to your letter dated and received by us on June 25, 2021, requesting authorization pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC/Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B to modify the Las Pulgas Road grade-separated highway-rail crossing (crossing) at the North County Transit District (NCTD) Coaster track in the Marine Corps Base (MCB) Camp Pendleton, San Diego County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 106-217.30-B and DOT Crossing Number 026806C.

The crossing is comprised of one set of tracks and a two-lane roadway, with one traffic lane in each direction. NCTD operates and maintains the railroad tracks. The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) plans to construct an additional railroad track at the crossing, on a second single track bridge west of the existing track. The new bridge structure will be constructed 29 feet (track centerline to track centerline) from the existing bridge and will have a minimum vertical clearance of 16 feet 6 inches from the roadway to the bottom of the structure. NCTD will operate on and maintain the railroad tracks.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request filed by SANDAG, and finds that it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the MCB and SANDAG 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 letter dated June 25, 2021, 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 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, SANDAG 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, NCTD 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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