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File Number: XREQ 2021070002 Pomona Freeway (SR-60) Overhead City of Industry, Los Angeles County

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SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Modify the Pomona Freeway Grade-Separated Highway-Rail Crossing, Identified as CPUC Crossing No. 003-14.30-A and DOT No. 811059E, in the City of Industry, County of Los Angeles

Dear Mr. Pegadiotes:

This refers to your letter, dated July 1, 2021, requesting authorization pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the Pomona Freeway (SR-60) grade-separated highway-rail crossing (crossing) over the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Los Angeles Subdivision tracks, in the City of Industry (City), County of Los Angeles. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 003-14.30-A and DOT No. 811059E.

The SR-60 overhead crossing is under jurisdiction of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). UPRR and the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink) operate 39 trains daily (combined), with a maximum speed of 65 miles per hour (MPH) for freight trains and 79 MPH for passenger trains.

The Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts of (LACSD) Waste-By-Rail project will transport waste from the Puente Hill Intermodal Facility to a remote landfill via rail. LACSD, with concurrence from the Caltrans and UPRR, proposes the following modifications at the crossing:

- Install a third track.
- Construct a tie-back retaining wall on the north side of the bridge structure.
- Replace existing pier protection.

All proposed permanent clearances, as shown in submitted plans, comply with minimum clearance requirements in Commission GO 26-D. No temporary impaired clearance is requested for construction.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request by LACSD and finds that it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As LACSD, Caltrans, and UPRR 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 July 1, 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 (CA MUTCD), published by the California

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Department of Transportation. The LACSD must complete all the proposed alterations mentioned above for RCEB to consider this GO 88-B application closed.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with the current version of the CA MUTCD.

This project is statutorily exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental 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, LACSD 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 Separation. 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 as outlined on the web page.

At the conclusion of the project, UPRR shall electronically submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form (Form F6180.71) to the FRA, reflecting the changes. Commission requests a concurrent copy of the updated inventory form be submitted to <u>rceb@cpuc.ca.gov</u>.

If you have any questions, please contact Matthew Cervantes at (213) 266-4716 or mci@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely, Hathany Loror

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