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Interstate 5
Dunsmuir, Siskiyou County

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SENT VIA E-MAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Interstate 5 Grade-Separated Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 001C-322.80-A and DOT No. 748856A in the City of Dunsmuir, Siskiyou County.

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

This refers to your letter, received by us on December 16, 2021, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Interstate (I)-5 grade-separated highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks in the City of Dunsmuir (City). The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001A-322.80-A and DOT No. 748856A.

UPRR runs 9 freight trains and Amtrak runs 2 passenger trains per day at maximum speeds of 25 miles per hour. The average daily traffic on I-5 is 21,300 vehicles.

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

- Replacing the southbound bridge deck.
- Replacing the barrier rail.
- Replacing the median barrier rail.

Caltrans is requesting a temporary deviation from Commission GO 26-D for a vertical clearance of 21 feet 6 inches above UPRR tracks during construction. Commission GO 26-D, Section 2.1 requires a minimum vertical clearance of 22 feet 6 inches.

Pursuant to Commission Resolution SX-76 and Section 16.2 of GO 26-D, Caltrans is granted a temporary deviation from GO 26-D, Section 2.1 for a temporary vertical clearance of not less than 21 feet 6 inches during the construction period for the structure. The project proposes a minimum permanent vertical clearance of 31 feet 0 inches. All proposed permanent clearances comply with minimum clearance requirements specified in Commission GO 26-D.

Caltrans shall notify UPRR and the Sacramento Office of the Commission's Rail Safety Division – Rail Operations Safety Branch and Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch at least 15 days but not more than 30 days in advance of the date when Caltrans will create the temporary reduced vertical

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clearance. For the Commission, this notification may be submitted electronically to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.

UPRR shall provide the train schedule and railroad flagging during construction for the safety of the construction workers, train operators and train operations.

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

All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders and the latest version of the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD). Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with the CA MUTCD, published by the California Department of Transportation. All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders and CA MUTCD.

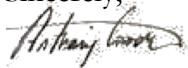
This project is statutorily exempt from the requirements of the California Environment Quality Act of 1970, as amended [California Public Resources Code 21080.13].

Within 30 days after completion of this project, Caltrans shall notify RCEB that the authorized work is complete by submitting a 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.

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 Daniellia Fristoe at (916) 217-6829 or dvm@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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