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State Route 4
Stockton, San Joaquin County

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SENT VIA E-MAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the State Route 4 Grade-Separated Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 061-0.01-A and DOT No. 979653H in the Port of Stockton, San Joaquin County.

Dear Mr. Villanueva:

This refers to your letter, dated and received by us on December 15, 2021, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) State Route (SR) 4 grade-separated highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the Central California Traction Company (CCTC) track in the Port of Stockton (Port). The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 061-0.01-A and DOT No. 979653H.

SR 4 is an east-west bound, grade-separated crossing over one CCTC track and one BNSF Railway (BNSF) track. Four CCTC freight trains at a maximum speed of 10 miles per hour, 11 BNSF freight trains, and 8 Amtrak passenger trains at a maximum speed of 79 miles per hour operate per day at the crossing. The crossing average daily traffic is 132,000 vehicles.

The proposed alterations, as indicated in the Port request letter and/or shown on its plans, shall consist of removing the existing CCTC lead track and turnout and replacing them with two new tracks and two new turnouts.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request by the Port and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the Port, Caltrans, CCTC, BNSF, and Union Pacific Railroad agree to the design and apportionments of the cost under the provisions of GO 88-B, the Port may proceed with the alterations as described in its request letter and summarized above. The Port 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 (CAMUTCD).

The Port shall provide temporary traffic controls in compliance with Section 8A.08, Temporary Traffic Control Zones, of the latest version of the CAMUTCD, published by Caltrans.

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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, CCTC 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, the Port 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 David Stewart at (916) 928-2515 or atm@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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