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File Number: XREQ 2022040001
Mountain Avenue
City of Ontario, San Bernardino County

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Union Pacific Railroad Company
2015 South Willow Avenue
Bloomington, CA 92316

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to alter the Mountain Avenue Grade Separated Highway-Rail Crossing, Identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001B-519.00-A and DOT No. 746938A, in the City of Ontario, San Bernardino County.

Dear Mr. Tom:

This refers to your email dated and received by us on March 25, 2022, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Mountain Avenue grade separated highway-rail crossing (crossing) over the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) tracks in the City of Ontario (City), San Bernardino County. The crossing is identified by CPUC Crossing No. 001B-519.00-A and DOT No. 746938A.

The crossing is comprised of nine sets of tracks under a four-lane overhead bridge structure, with two traffic lanes in each direction. Approximately 43 UPRR freight trains operate through the crossing daily, with a maximum speed of 60 miles per hour. The average daily traffic at the crossing is approximately 39,517 vehicles.

UPRR proposes to construct three new yard tracks just north of Pier 3. Pier protection will also be constructed on Pier 3. The minimum vertical clearance will be 24 feet-3 inches, and the minimum horizontal clearance is approximately 9 feet-11 ½ inches to the Pier 3 bridge column, which exceed the requirements of GO 26-D. UPRR will not require any temporary impaired clearances for construction of the new tracks.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request filed by UPRR and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As UPRR and the City 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 sent in your email dated March 25, 2022, and summarized above, are authorized. All parties must 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, UPRR shall notify RCEB that the authorized work is complete, by submitting a completed Commission Standard Form G titled *Report of Changes at Highway Grade Crossings and Separations*. 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, UPRR shall submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form to the FRA, reflecting the changes. Commission requests a concurrent copy of the updated inventory form be submitted to rces@cpuc.ca.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Sergio Licon at (213) 576-7085 or sal@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch
Rail Safety Division

cc: **(SENT VIA E-MAIL)**
Khoi Do, City of Ontario