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File Number: XREQ 2022050006
Cedar Avenue
City of Bloomington, San Bernardino County

Terry W. Thompson
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Bloomington, CA 92415

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to alter the Cedar Avenue Overhead Grade Separated Highway-Rail Crossing, Identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001B-534.70-A and DOT No. 746980Y, in the City of Bloomington, San Bernardino County.

Dear Mr. Thompson:

This refers to your email dated and received by us on May 18, 2022, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Cedar Avenue grade separated highway-rail crossing (crossing) over the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) tracks in the City of Bloomington, San Bernardino County (County). The crossing is identified by CPUC Crossing No. 001B-534.70-A and DOT No. 746980Y.

The crossing is comprised of five sets of tracks under a six-lane overhead bridge structure, with two southbound traffic lanes and four northbound traffic lanes. Approximately 35 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 35,794 vehicles.

The County proposes to replace the UPRR/Cedar Avenue Overhead bridge with a new structure that can accommodate 10 vehicular lanes. No temporary clearance reductions are requested during construction. All proposed clearances comply with minimum clearance requirements specified in Commission GO 26-D.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request filed by the County and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the County 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 sent in your email dated May 18, 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].

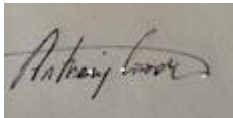
This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with, or if the work is not completed within three years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to RCEB, the time to complete the project may be extended. Any written request for a time extension must include concurrence 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, the County 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)**
Ken Tom, Union Pacific Railroad