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October 5, 2023

File Number: XREQ 2020060007TE Ventura Street City of Fresno, Fresno County

Bruce W. Armistead Chief of Rail Operations and Delivery California High-Speed Rail Authority 770 L Street, Suite 620 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Time Extension Request for XREQ 2020060007 to Alter the Ventura Street Rail Crossing

Dear Bruce W. Armistead:

This refers to your letter dated September 7, 2023, received by us on September 28, 2023, requesting a time extension to complete the alteration of the Ventura Street rail crossing (crossing) of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks in the City of Fresno (City), County of Fresno. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001B-205.90 and DOT Crossing No. 757334B.

The California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) granted the original authorization on August 3, 2020 for three years with an expiration date of August 3, 2023. Construction of the project is in progress and the track work will be completed under a separate contract once the current phase is complete. The California High-Speed Rail Authority requests additional time to complete construction. UPRR, San Joaquin Valley Railroad, and the City of Fresno provided evidence of agreement to the time extension request. The California High-Speed Rail Authority confirms that there has been no change in scope from the original General Order (GO) 88-B request.

RCEB reviewed the request by the California High-Speed Rail Authority and finds that there has been no substantial change in circumstances since granting the original authorization. RCEB approves this time-extension request and the California High-Speed Rail Authority may continue the alterations as previously authorized by the Commission with a five-year time extension.

The following requirements pertain to this time extension:

- The crossing shall have the configuration and operational characteristics as described and specified in the original request letter and its attachments.
- Within 30 days after the authorized scope of alterations is complete, the California High-Speed Rail Authority shall notify RCEB of the alterations by submitting a Form G to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov. Form G requirements and forms are available on the CPUC web site at http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/crossings.
- UPRR and the California High-Speed Rail Authority shall electronically submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form (Form F6180.71) to the FRA per 49 C.F.R. § 234.411(c).

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In all other respects, the original authorization XREQ 2020060007 remains in full force and effect. Should the work not be complete by August 5, 2028, RCEB will require a new time-extension request at least 30 days prior to the expiration date for the crossing alterations.

If you have any questions, please contact Pablo Vargas at (916) 532-8807 or pablo.vargas@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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