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Avenue 336
Tulare County

Reed Schenke
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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Avenue 336 Rail Crossing

Dear Reed Schenke:

This refers to your letter dated October 26, 2022, received by us on December 13, 2022, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Avenue 336 rail crossing (crossing) of the San Joaquin Valley Railroad (SJVR) tracks, in the County of Tulare. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 103BC-248.10 and DOT Number 756762U.

The crossing is an east-west, two-lane roadway that consists of a single track. The crossing is equipped with two shoulder-mounted Crossbuck Assemblies with YIELD signs. Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) owns the railroad right-of-way in which SJVR operates.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) reviewed the request by the County. As the County, SJVR and UPRR agree on the alterations and apportionment of costs under the provisions of GO 88-B, the following alterations as described and specified in the request letter and its attachments are authorized:

- Remove Crossbuck Assemblies with YIELD signs on the northeast and southwest quadrants of the crossing.
- Install one Commission Standard 9-A (Flashing Light Signal Assembly with Automatic Gate Arm and Additional Flashing Light Signals over the Roadway on a Cantilevered Arm) warning device in the northeast quadrant with supplemental sidelights directed to the southbound approach of Road 152.
- Install one Commission Standard 9-A warning device in the southwest quadrant.
- Install concrete crossing panels on the tracks over Avenue 336.
- Re-pave roadway approaches to crossing, along with related civil improvements.
- Install fence and gates on the south side of Avenue 336.
- Apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) compliant signage and pavement markings, including W10-4 railroad advance warning (Tracks Right of T-intersection) and limit line northbound and southbound Road 152 approaches to Avenue 336.

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 authorization shall expire if the full scope of alterations is not complete within three years of the date of this letter. The County of Tulare may request a time extension at least 30 days prior to the expiration date. The time extension request shall include evidence of agreement by involved parties. This authorization may be revoked or modified if public convenience, necessity, or safety requires.

This project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended. [California Public Resources Code §21084].

The following requirements pertain to this authorization:

- The crossing shall have the configuration and operational characteristics as described and specified in the request letter and its attachments.
- Within 30 days after the authorized scope of alterations is complete, the County and/or SJVR 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>.
- SJVR 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).

If you have any questions, please contact Oliver Garcia at (213) 369-4674 or oliver.garcia@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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