

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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File Number: XREQ 2023040005
New Dock St (Under SR-47)
City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County

Carlo Luzzi
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415 W. Ocean Blvd.
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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the New Dock St (Under SR-47) Rail Crossing

Dear Carlo Luzzi:

This refers to your letter dated March 7, 2023, received by us on April 3, 2023, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the New Dock St (Under SR-47) rail crossing (crossing) of the Port of Long Beach (POLB) track, in the City of Long Beach (City), County of Los Angeles. The track is operated and maintained by Pacific Harbor Line (PHL). The crossing approaches are within the jurisdiction of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 120AT-18.60 and DOT Number 811439L.

The crossing is an east-west, four-lane roadway that consists of one track. The crossing is equipped with one curb-mounted 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, one curb-mounted Commission Standard 9 (Flashing Light Signal Assembly with Automatic Gate Arm) warning device and one median-mounted Commission Standard 9 warning device.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) reviewed the request by POLB. As PHL, Caltrans and POLB 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:

- No modifications will be made to the existing railroad warning devices.
- Convert the 4-way intersection at New Dock St and Ocean Ave/SR-47 off-ramp to a T-intersection, and modify the traffic signal to accommodate new configuration.
- Apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD)-compliant signage and pavement markings, including applicable warning and regulatory signs and train activated blank-out regulatory signs.

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.

As part of this project to convert the 4-way intersection at New Dock St and Ocean Ave/SR-47 off-ramp to a T-intersection, POLB is also planning to permanently close the Ocean Ave/SERRF private crossing, identified as CPUC Crossing Number 120AW-19.00-X and DOT Number. All roadway

approaches, crossing panels, crossing warning devices and appurtenances, and roadway signage and pavement markings relevant to the crossing shall be removed. Authorization from the CPUC is not required for the closure of a crossing, however, POLB shall notify RCEB and submit a Form G upon completion of the closure and removal of the private crossing.

This authorization shall expire if the full scope of alterations is not complete within three years of the date of this letter. POLB 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.
- POLB shall notify RCEB at least 45 days prior to the date that the new or modified traffic signal is placed in service by sending notification to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.
- Within 30 days after the authorized scope of alterations is complete, POLB 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>.
- POLB 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 Chris Palas at (213) 999-3403 or Christopher.Palas@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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