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Lookout Park Road
County of Santa Barbara

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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Lookout Park Road Rail Crossing

Dear Christian Doolittle:

This refers to your letter received by us on May 2, 2023, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Lookout Park Road rail crossing (crossing) of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) track, in an unincorporated area of the County of Santa Barbara (County). The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 001E-372.80 and DOT Number 745623T.

The crossing is a north-south, two-lane roadway that consists of a single set of tracks that is adjacent to an intersection with the SR-101 off-ramp, which is within the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) jurisdiction, approximately 25 feet north. The crossing is equipped with two shoulder-mounted Commission Standard 9 (Flashing Light Signal Assembly with Automatic Gate Arm) warning devices.

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

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- Install new Americans with Disabilities Act compliant sidewalk on the east side of the crossing with detectable warning surfaces at each sidewalk crossing approach.
- Replace existing concrete panels and extend crossing surface to accommodate the new sidewalk.
- Reconfigure the crosswalk across SR-101 off-ramp into a diagonal crosswalk that connects with the new sidewalk.
- Install right-of-way fencing and pedestrian channelization along the new sidewalk on the south-east quadrant and across the tracks.
- Apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) compliant signage and pavement markings, including W10-2(L) and W10-4(L) warning signs, "RXR" and regulatory signs including R15-8 "Look" signs.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with the CA MUTCD, published by Caltrans. 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 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 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 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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