

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102



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50th Avenue  
City of Oakland, Alameda County

Kenneth Tom  
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**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the 50th Avenue Rail Crossing**

Dear Kenneth Tom:

This refers to your letter, received by us on June 28, 2023, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the 50th Avenue rail crossing (crossing) of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks, in the City of Oakland (City), County of Alameda. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 001D-10.80 and DOT Number 749716B.

The crossing is a northeast-southwest, two-lane roadway that consists of three tracks. The crossing is equipped with two curb-mounted Commission Standard Number 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 UPRR. As the City 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 the Constant Warning Time track circuitry from the 10 miles-per-hour industry track to avoid false activations occurring due to vandalism.
- Extend the island circuit out to 75 feet from edge of road. The automatic warning devices will activate when the trains enter the island circuit.
- Install STOP signs for the trains. Trains will operate with a Stop and Proceed order.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (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. Union Pacific Railroad 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].

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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, UPRR shall notify RCEB of the alterations by submitting a Form G to [rceb@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto: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 Sia Mozaffari at (415) 471-4129 or [siavash.mozaffari@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:siavash.mozaffari@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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