

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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June 14, 2024

File Number: XREQ 2017080010TE
East Church Avenue
City of Fresno, Fresno County

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

Re: Second Time Extension Request for XREQ 2017080010 to Alter the East Church Avenue Rail Crossing

Dear Bruce Armistead:

This refers to your letter dated October 20, 2023, received by us on April 8, 2024, requesting a second time extension to complete the alteration of the East Church Avenue 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 Number 001B-207.20 and DOT Number 757389N. The new grade separated crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 135S-193.63-A, 001B-207.20-A and DOT Number 972346K.

The California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) granted the original authorization on September 15, 2017 for three years with the expiration date of September 15, 2020. A three-year time extension was granted in 2020. Construction is now scheduled to start in 2024. The California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) requests additional time to complete construction. UPRR and the City of Fresno provided evidence of agreement to the time extension request. CHSRA confirms that there has been no change in scope from the original General Order (GO) 88-B request.

RCEB reviewed the request by the CHSRA and finds that there has been no substantial change in circumstances since granting the original authorization. RCEB approves this second-time extension request and CHSRA 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, CHSRA 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).

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In all other respects, the original authorization XREQ 2017080010 remains in full force and effect. Should the work not be complete by September 15, 2028, RCEB will require a new General Order 88-B request.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew Bond". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Matthew Bond, P.E.
Program and Project Supervisor
Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch
Rail Safety Division

cc: Andrew Benelli, City of Fresno
Kenneth Tom, UPRR