

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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E. Hazelton Avenue
City of Stockton, San Joaquin County

Stacey Mortensen
Executive Director
San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission
949 E. Channel Street
Stockton CA 95202

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the E. Hazelton Avenue Rail Crossing

Dear Stacey Mortensen:

This refers to your letter dated and received by us on June 10, 2025, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the E. Hazelton Avenue rail crossing (crossing) of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks, in the City of Stockton (City), San Joaquin County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 001BEL-84.44 and DOT Number 752772L.

The crossing is an east-west, four-lane roadway that consists of three tracks - two UPRR mainline and one BNSF Railway (BNSF) connector track. The crossing is equipped with two 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), two curb mounted Commission Standard 8 (flashing light signal assembly), and two median mounted Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning devices.

The CPUC's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) reviewed the request by San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRRRC). As the City, SJRRRC, 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 existing BNSF connector track and two existing UPRR mainline tracks.
- Install a new BNSF connector track with new pre-cast concrete panels approximately 25 feet west of its original location.
- Construct a 10 foot wide and 60 foot long non-mountable raised median on the west side of the crossing.
- Construct a 10 foot wide and 300 foot long non-mountable raised median on the east side of the crossing.
- Install one curb-mounted Commission Standard 9 and one median-mounted Commission Standard 9 warning device on each roadway approach.
- Install one curb-mounted Commission Standard 8 in the northwest and southeast quadrants.
- Install transition curbs in all four quadrants.

- Install new street lighting.
- Install Americans with Disabilities Act compliant detectable warning surfaces on all sidewalk approaches located a minimum of 12 feet from the centerline of the track.
- Apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) compliant signage and pavement markings, including W10-1 advance warning signs and double sided R15-8 "LOOK" signs as shown on plans.

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. SJRRC 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, SJRRC 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 David Stewart at (415) 806-0490 or David.Stewart@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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cc: **(SENT VIA EMAIL)**
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