

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Garces Hwy (State Route 155)
City of Delano, Kern County

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**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Garces Hwy (State Route 155)
Rail Crossing**

Dear Victor Aldama:

This refers to your letter dated July 17, 2025, received by us on August 14, 2025, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Garces Hwy (State Route 155) rail crossing (crossing) of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) track, in the City of Delano (City), County of Kern. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 001B-281.20 and DOT Number 757262A.

The crossing is an east-west, two-lane roadway that consists of one track. 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 Caltrans. As Caltrans, 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 existing Commission Standard 9 warning devices.
- Install two new 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 devices.
- Install sidewalks along the north and south sides of the roadway through the railroad crossing.
- Install Class II bike lanes along the north and south sides of the roadway through the railroad crossing.
- Rehabilitate the existing pavement on State Route 155 from Glenwood St to High St.
- Re-profile roadway on both sides of the tracks to reduce hump at the tracks.
- Apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD)-compliant signage and pavement markings, including pedestrian R15-8 "Look" signs, vehicular R8-8 "Do Not Stop on Tracks" signs, and "Keep Clear" pavement markings.

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. Caltrans 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, Caltrans 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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