

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Main Street
City of Denair, Stanislaus County

Dionisio Martinez
Manager Public Projects
BNSF Railway Company
740 East Carnegie Dr
San Bernardino, CA 92408

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Main Street Rail Crossing

Dear Dionisio Martinez:

This refers to your letter dated June 19, 2025, received by us on August 25, 2025, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Main Street rail crossing (crossing) of the BNSF Railway (BNSF) tracks, in the City of Denair (City), County of Stanislaus. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 002-1079.40 and DOT Number 028725J.

The crossing is a southwest-northeast, two-lane roadway that consists of three tracks. The crossing is equipped with two curb-mounted Commission Standard 9 (Flashing Light Signal Assembly with Automatic Gate Arm) warning devices and one curb-mounted Commission Standard 8 (Flashing Light Signal Assembly) warning device.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) reviewed the request by the County. As the County, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and BNSF 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 two Commission Standard 9 warning devices on the southwest and northeast quadrants and one Commission Standard 8 warning device on the northwest quadrant.
- Install two Commission Standard 9 warning devices on the southwest and northeast quadrants.
- Install two Commission Standard 9 pedestrian gate warning devices with emergency egress swing gates and detectable warning surfaces on the northwest and northeast quadrants.
- Construct Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant sidewalk on northwest and northeast quadrants of the crossing.
- Install pedestrian hand-rail channelization on the northwest and northeast quadrants of the crossing.
- Remove the third track on the west side of the crossing and realign the second track.
- Re-construct the roadway to reduce the approach grade at the crossing.
- Remove the existing mountable raised curb and delineators east of the crossing.
- Apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) compliant signage and pavement markings, including R8-8 "DO NOT STOP ON TRACKS", and W10-5 "LOW GROUND CLEARANCE" regulatory signs.

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. BNSF 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, BNSF 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>.
- BNSF 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 Pablo Vargas at (916) 532-8807 or pablo.vargas@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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