

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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File Number: XREQ 2026020003
Market Avenue
Contra Costa CountyCarl Roner
Senior Civil Engineer
Contra Costa County
255 Glacier Drive
Martinez CA 94553**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Market Avenue Rail Crossing**

Dear Carl Roner:

This refers to your letter dated January 27, 2026, received by us on February 3, 2026, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Market Avenue rail crossing (crossing) of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks, in the Unincorporated area of County of Contra Costa (County). The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 001A-13.60 and DOT Number 751692P.

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

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) reviewed the request by the County. As the County 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 curb-mounted Commission Standard 9-A warning device on southwest quadrant.
- Remove both existing curb-mounted Commission Standard 8 warning devices in northwest and southeast quadrants.
- Install two curb-mounted Commission Standard 9 warning devices in the northeast and southwest quadrants.
- Install two curb-mounted Commission Standard 9-E (Commission Standard 9 installed on the departure side of the at-grade crossing, also known as an exit gate) warning devices in the northwest and southeast quadrants.
- Install four Commission Standard 9 pedestrian gate warning devices with emergency egress swing gates, channelization, and detectable warning surfaces on all quadrants of the crossing.
- Install new concrete crossing panels and modify the roadway profile.
- Install additional lighting to illuminate the crossing.
- Apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD)-compliant

signage and pavement markings, including the W10-5 “Low Ground Clearance” warning sign and double-sided R15-8 “LOOK” 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. The County 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, County 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 Ramineh Medhat at (415) 791-2612 or ramineh.medhat@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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