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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion into the Closure of the Highway-Rail At-Grade Crossing at West Doran Street south of State Route 134 between San Fernando Road and West San Fernando Road, in the City of Glendale, California, DOT Crossing No. 746804B, CPUC Crossing No. 101VY-7.99, and the Effects of that Closure on the City of Glendale and Nearby Residents in the City of Los Angeles, California.

Investigation 10-02-020
(Filed February 25, 2010)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
SUSPENDING THE PROCEEDING SCHEDULE AND
GRANTING THE ATWATER VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD
COUNCIL'S MOTION FOR PARTY STATUS**

This ruling suspends the proceeding schedule indefinitely and grants the Atwater Village Neighborhood Council's motion for party status.

On October 20, 2010, I sent an email to the service list outlining 2007 legislation and a preliminary opinion of how the legislation could affect the subject matter in this proceeding.¹ The legislation is still being reviewed and

¹ AB 660 modified the California Streets and Highways Code Section 2450, deleting the section that defined grade separation projects as projects that removed or relocated highways or railway tracks to eliminate existing grade crossings.

analyzed to determine to what extent, if any, it impacts the issues in this proceeding.

It is necessary, therefore, to suspend the proceeding schedule indefinitely to allow time for further examination and analysis of the possible impacts of the legislation. Once the review is complete and the issue has been resolved, I will issue a follow-up ruling advising the service list of the outcome and revising the proceeding schedule.

On October 18, 2010, the Atwater Village Neighborhood Council (AVNC) filed a motion to become a party to this proceeding, appointing Alex Ventura to appear on its behalf. North Atwater is a neighborhood in close proximity to the West Doran Street Crossing and AVNC represents the interests of the residents of North Atwater. AVNC contends that the proposed closure has negative environmental and law enforcement impacts on the neighborhood, and would cause increased traffic congestion. AVNC opposes the proposed closure.

AVNC has an interest in the proceeding as the proposed closure impacts the residents of North Atwater. AVNC has stated its intention to fully participate in the proceeding by presenting testimony, appearing at the evidentiary hearing and preparing briefs.

AVNC is granted party status with Alex Ventura appearing on behalf of AVNC.

IT IS SO RULED.

Dated November 19, 2010, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ LINDA ROCHESTER

Linda Rochester
Administrative Law Judge

