

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Consumer Protection and Safety Division Rail Transit and Crossing Branch Rail Transit Safety Section	Resolution ST-103 May 21, 2009
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R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION ST-103. GRANTING APPROVAL OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT'S SAFETY CERTIFICATION PLAN FOR THE CENTRAL CONTRA COSTA COUNTY CROSSOVER PROJECT

SUMMARY

This Resolution grants San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District's (BART) request for approval of its "Safety Certification Plan (SCP) for the Central Contra Costa County Crossover Project," Revision 0 dated March 27, 2009.

BACKGROUND

Commission General Order 164-D, *Rules and Regulations Governing State Safety Oversight of Rail Fixed Guideway Systems*, requires Rail Fixed Guideway Systems to prepare a project-specific SCP for each major project and ensure that all entities involved in the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the project shall comply with its requirements. The SCP ensures that elements critical to safety are planned, designed, constructed, analyzed, tested, inspected, and implemented. The SCP also ensures that training is provided and rules and procedures are followed.

With a letter dated April 6, 2009, BART submitted its "Safety Certification Plan for the Central Contra Costa County Crossover Project" to CPUC staff (staff) for review, and requested Commission approval. The proposed installation system consists of two crossovers in the mainline trackway between Walnut Creek and Pleasant Hill Stations. Systems provided as part of the project include special trackworks, two traction power gap breaker sub-stations, and modifications to the existing train control system. All improvements would be within the existing BART right-of-way.

NOTICE

Notice of the filing was made in the Commission's Daily Calendar on April 7, 2009.

PROTESTS

No protests or objections have been filed with the Commission.

DISCUSSION

The SCP is filed as required by General Order 164-D. BART worked with staff to ensure the safety certification plan is comprehensive. Staff reviewed the SCP and found it to be in accordance with General Order 164-D.

BART will be required to submit to staff a written Safety Certification Verification Report (SCVR), as required by General Order 164-D, at least 21 calendar days prior to start of service. Staff will respond to the SCVR within 9 calendar days of filing by indicating that it approves the SCVR, or by identifying areas that are not acceptable. Staff shall give its approval of the SCVR by issuing a formal letter to BART.

COMMENTS

This is an uncontested matter in which the resolution grants the relief requested. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 311(g)(2) of the Public Utilities Code and Rule 14.6(c)(2) of the Commission's Rules and Practice and Procedure, the otherwise applicable 30-day period for public review and comment is waived.

FINDINGS

1. With a letter dated April 6, 2009, BART submitted its "Safety Certification Plan" for the Central Contra Costa County Crossover to staff for review and for Commission approval.
2. The proposed installation system consists of two crossovers in the mainline trackway between Walnut Creek and Pleasant Hill Stations. Systems provided as part of the project include special trackworks, two traction

power gap breaker sub-stations, and modifications to the existing train control system. All improvements would be within the existing BART right-of-way.

3. Staff reviewed the SCP and found it to be in accordance with General Order 164-D.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District's (BART) request for approval of its Safety Certification Plan for the Central Contra Costa County Crossover is granted.
2. BART shall submit the Safety Certification Verification Report (SCVR) to staff as required by CPUC General Order 164-D, at least 21 calendar days prior to start of service.
3. Staff shall respond to the SCVR within 9 calendar days of filing by indicating that it approves the SCVR, or by identifying areas that are not acceptable to staff. Staff shall give its approval of the SCVR by issuing a formal letter to BART.
4. This Resolution is effective today.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, passed and adopted at a conference of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California held on May 21, 2009. The following Commissioners voted in favor of this resolution:

/s/ PAUL CLANON
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