

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Consumer Protection and Safety Division
Rail Transit Safety Section

Resolution ST-93
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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ST-93 GRANTING APPROVAL OF THE FINAL REPORT ON THE 2007 TRIENNIAL ON-SITE SAFETY AND SECURITY REVIEW OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Summary

This resolution approves the Consumer Protection and Safety Division (CPSD) final report titled "2007 Triennial On-Site Safety and Security Review of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA)," dated October 31, 2007. LACMTA is ordered to implement the recommendations contained in the report and provide quarterly progress reports.

Background

Commission General Order No. 164-D, *Rules and Regulations Governing State Safety Oversight of Rail Fixed Guideway Systems* requires Rail Transit Safety Section (RTSS) staff (Staff) to conduct on-site safety reviews of transit agencies operating Rail Fixed Guideway Systems at least once every three years.

Staff conducted an on-site review of the LACMTA safety and security programs. Staff also conducted a post-review exit conference with LACMTA management on July 6, 2007.

The methods used to conduct the review included:

- a. Interviews with LACMTA employees at all levels from rank and file through management;

- b. Reviews of design, construction, procurement, testing, training, operation, and maintenance programs;
- c. Reviews of records and procedures;
- d. Observation of operations and maintenance activities; and
- e. Inspections of equipment and facilities.

A full description of the review, including the scope, results, and recommendations, is contained in the final report. The report is attached to this resolution as Attachment A.

The results of the review show that LACMTA is in substantial compliance with its System Safety and Security Programs. However, Staff identified program deficiencies during the review. These deficiencies, along with recommendations for corrective actions, are described in the Findings and Recommendations section of each checklist and in the body of the final report. A complete listing of recommendations for the correction of each identified deficiency is contained in Appendix C of the report.

Protests

Staff provided a preliminary report of the review to LACMTA for a 30-day comment period on September 10, 2007. On October 4, 2007, Staff met with LACMTA Corporate Safety Department Manager and discussed the review findings and respective recommendations. On October 5, 2007, Staff received a letter from LACMTA Rail Operations General Manager informing Staff that LACMTA accepts the findings and recommendations made in the 2007 LACMTA Triennial On-site Safety and Security Review Draft Report, and will develop a Corrective Action Plan and schedule accordingly.

Discussion

The final "2007 Triennial On-Site Safety and Security Review of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority," report dated October 31, 2007 is included as Attachment A. The report is based on Staff findings and includes recommendations.

LACMTA has stated to Staff that it is working to develop corrective action plans for the deficiencies identified in the report and has initiated actions on some of them. LACMTA will provide quarterly updates concerning the status of its corrective actions until they are completed.

CPSD recommends that the Commission approve the final report titled, "2007 Triennial On-Site Safety and Security Review of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority" dated October 31, 2007. CPSD also recommends that the Commission order LACMTA to:

- Submit a report to RTSS that includes the status of the corrective actions for safety program deficiencies identified during the review;
- Submit plans and schedules for implementing or completing the recommended corrective actions contained in the report;
- Implement the recommendations in accordance with the plans and schedules submitted; and
- Provide RTSS with quarterly reports on the status of the corrective actions until they are completed.

Comments

Pursuant to Section 311(g)(2) of the Public Utilities Code and Rule 14.6(c)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the otherwise applicable 30-day period for public review and comment is waived.

Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Consumer Protection and Safety Division's request for approval of the final "2007 Triennial On-Site Safety and Security Review of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority" dated October 31, 2007, is granted.
2. LACMTA shall submit to the RTSS plans and schedules for implementing all recommended corrective actions contained in the final review report. These plans and schedules shall be submitted no later than 45 days from the effective date of this resolution.

ATTACHMENT A