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February 20, 2015

Frank Abart, Director of Public Works
Whatcom County
322 North Commercial Street, Suite 210
Bellingham, WA 98225

Sent via email and First Class Mail

RE: TR-150189 – Petition on Behalf of BNSF Railway Co., to Close a Highway-Rail Grade Crossing at Valley View Road in Whatcom County, Washington

Dear Mr. Abart:

On February 4, 2015, BNSF Railway Co. (BNSF) filed a petition with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission), seeking approval to close a railroad crossing at Valley View Road in Whatcom county. The Commission assigned TR-150189 to this petition.

Please review the enclosed petition and respond now or by the March 12, 2015, deadline. Your response options include:

- Support the petition – Complete the Respondent's Waiver of Hearing form, which serves as your consent to the Commission to issue an order without further notice or hearing.
- Do not support the petition – Reply with your position and include whether you feel a hearing is necessary to resolve the issues or suggest other courses of action, such as further discussion prior to go to hearing.

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You must respond with your position within 20 days of the date of this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Hunter at 360-664-1257 or khunter@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



David Pratt
Assistant Director, Transportation Safety

Enclosure

cc: Richard Wagner, BNSF Railway Co. (without enclosure)