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**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of the BNSF, )  
Railway to Close a Grade Crossing Located at ) DOCKET NO. TR-070696  
Hickox Road, at Railroad Milepost 65.60 in )  
Skagit County, Washington State ) ANSWER OF SKAGIT COUNTY  
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COMES NOW, Skagit County ("Respondent"), by and through its attorney(s) of record, and Answers as follows:

**I.**

1.1 Respondent admits the content of Paragraph "1." of Petitioner's (BNSF Railway Company) Petition.

1.2 Respondent denies or is without sufficient information to admit or deny, and therefore denies, the content Paragraph "2." of Petitioner's Petition.

1.3 Respondent denies or is without sufficient information to admit or deny, and therefore denies, the content Paragraph "3." of Petitioner's Petition.

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**DECLARATION OF SERVICE**

Judy L. Kiesser states and declares as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States of America, over 18 years of age and  
competent to testify to the matters set forth herein. On July 5, 2007,

I caused to be served by first class mail, postage prepaid, a true and correct copy of the  
foregoing document entitled ANSWER OF SKAGIT COUNTY on the following:

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6 DATED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2007.

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9 JUDY KIESSER, Legal Assistant