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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION

BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY,	) DOCKET TR140382 and
	) DOCKET TR140383
Petitioner,	)
vs.	)
	) PREFILED TESTIMONY OF
YAKIMA COUNTY,	) DAVE TRAUTMAN
	)
Respondent.	)
_____)	

**1. Please state your name and address.**

Dave Trautman, 213 Riverside, Sunnyside, WA 98944.

**2. What is your occupation?**

I am a Crop Advisor with Simplot Soilbuilders in Prosser, Washington. Simplot is a commercial fertilizer and company. Simplot operates four different facilities in the vicinity of the North Stevens Road and Barnhart Road railroad at-grade crossings. Simplot services many farms in the vicinity of the North Stevens Road and Barnhart Road at-grade crossings.

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3 **3. Does Simplot use the railroad at-grade crossings at North Stevens Road and**  
4 **Barnhart Road?**

5 Yes. Our trucks deliver fertilizer and chemicals to many farms near the crossings.  
6 We use large trucks that carry significant volumes of solid and liquid fertilizer. We rely  
7 on the crossings to make timely and efficient deliveries to our customers.

8 **4. Would the closure of the railroad at-grade crossings at North Stevens Road**  
9 **and Barnhart Road divert Simplot's trucks onto SR 22?**

10 Yes. If the North Stevens Road crossing and the Barnhart Road crossing are  
11 eliminated, alternate routes will be required to cross the BNSF line. In some instances,  
12 the alternate route will include travel along SR 22.

13 DATED THIS 22 day of November, 2014.

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DATED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

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3 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

4 I am over the age of 18; and not a party to this action. I am the assistant to an  
5 attorney with Menke Jackson Beyer, LLP, whose address is 807 North 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue,  
6 Yakima, Washington, 98902.

7 I hereby certify that the original and three copies of the foregoing have been sent  
8 by Overnight Delivery to Mr. Steven King, Executive Director and Secretary,  
9 Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission, 1300 South Evergreen Park  
10 Drive, S.W., Olympia, Washington, 98504; and a .pdf version electronically filed  
11 (www.utc.wa.gov/efiling) and emailed (records@utc.wa.gov). I also certify that true and  
12 complete copies have been sent via electronic mail to the following interested parties:

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that  
the foregoing information is true and correct.

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