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7 8	BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
9	BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY, ) DOCKET TR140382 and ) DOCKET TR140383
11	Petitioner, ) vs.
12 13	) PREFILED TESTIMONY OF YAKIMA COUNTY, ) STEVE BANGS
14	Respondent. )
15 16	1. Please state your name and address.
17	Steve Bangs, 101 Van Avenue, Toppenish, WA 98948.
18	2. What is your occupation?
19	I am an owner of D & S Farms. We farm approximately 2000 acres on both sides
20   21	of the BNSF line in an area generally east of the City of Toppenish. We farm primarily
22	hops, alfalfa, corn and wheat, although we farm other crops as well.
23	3. Does D & S Farms use the railroad at-grade crossings at North Stevens Road and Barnhart Road?
24   25	Yes. Our farming operations are spread out and we use various crossings
26	throughout the growing and harvest seasons. We farm about 500 acres on Chambers
27	Road south of the BNSF line, near the North Stevens Road crossing. Most equipment
28	used on this acreage is stored south of the BNSF line on nearby Harris Road. However,
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for various reasons we do need to move equipment across the BNSF line for projects on or near these 500 acres. I would estimate that D & S Farms moves heavy farm equipment across the North Stevens Road crossing every week during the growing and harvesting season, often on multiple occasions. During harvest season, much of the production from these 500 acres and other acreage south of the BNSF line uses the North Stevens Road crossing to access state highways.

Would the closure of the railroad at-grade crossings at North Stevens Road 4. and Barnhart Road divert D & S Farms' farming equipment onto SR 22 and other roadways?

Yes. The closure of the North Stevens Road crossing will result in numerous trips by our heavy farm equipment along both SR 22 and South Track Road.

## DECLARATION

I, STEVE BANGS, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing PREFILED TESTIMONY OF STEVE BANGS is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DATED THIS 65 day of November, 2014.

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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

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