

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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Re. Americold Moses Lake: Rule Exemption Request, WAC 480-60-050

Americold
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As required under WAC 480-60-30 (4), Americold is requesting a rule exemption as described below.

Rule Exemption Request:

- 1) Written request with the Commission requesting exemption from the railroad clearance rule WAC 480-60. WAC 480-60-050 generally requires a lateral clearance of at least 8'6", measured from the centerline of the track. Although the rules provide for exceptions, the structure associated with Americold request is subject to the general rule. CBRR would approve this variance/clearance exemption with WUTC approval, along with outlined requirements and that this variance is not a waiver of covenants and/or indemnification as per the Crossing Agreement.
- 2) Issue1): This relates to Safety Ladders attached to the building. The face of the Ladders are 8'3" from centerline of the track. No Clearance signs to be posted on each side of the 9 ladders.

- 3) Issue2): The existing bridge from Americold to a processing plant has become a safety issue and must be replaced. The existing bridge is moved with fork lifts when access to the back of the bridge area is required. The new bridge will be hydraulic/electric and will require more clearance than the previous bridge.

When the bridge is in the raised position the clearance will be 8' (96"). The Hydraulics will be installed on the opposite side of the tracks from the Americold building. Due to other structures this can't be moved back no further. The bridge is 18'7-3/4" long, and top of rail to top of bridge is 51". The hydraulics will mount 15 1/2" off the top of the rail and 8' from centerline of tracks. No Clearance signs will be posted 20' each side of the bridge 9' from centerline of the tracks.

Lighting will be installed at the bridge area.

Communication lights will be installed at the end of the building to designate if the bridge has been raised allowing train crews to proceed.

Americold is a cold storage facility freezing processed food for the processing plant on the opposing side of the tracks. The business between these two companies would be greatly impacted without this bridge.

We look forward to your response to our rule exemption request.

Sincerely,
Cliff Elliott



