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Miss Young,

We have no new or additional information at this time as to the crossing project at South Craig Rd. When any additional information is gleaned, I will share that with you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

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Mr. Durr – In Sept. 2018, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) granted approval to Eastern Washington Gateway Railroad (EWGR) for the construction of a new railroad crossing on S. Craig Road (USDOT 971870F). The UTC approved the construction of the crossing with

the following specific conditions:

(a) All construction and engineering for Phase One must substantially conform to the Petition and engineering design plans filed in this Docket.

(b) EWGR, or any successor railroad operator, must provide a report to the commission annually, beginning September 13, 2019, and continuing until construction officially begins, regarding the status of Phase Two of the project. The report should include, at a minimum, information regarding development of the adjacent property requiring freight transportation.

(c) Active warning devices must be installed prior to the crossing being put into service. Sixty days prior to installation of the active warning devices, EWGR, or any successor railroad operator, must provide final engineering plans of the crossing to Commission Staff for final review and approval.

(d) EWGR, or any successor railroad operator, must remove the "Tracks Out of Service" signage prior to the crossing being put into service.

(e) Traffic control devices must comply with all applicable standards specified in the 2009 U.S. Department of Transportation Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD

As the successor railroad to EWGR, Washington Eastern Railroad is responsible for complying with these conditions, including submission of the annual report, which is due 9/13/19. The report can be emailed to me for inclusion in the official docket. I'm copying Ms. Barrentine at Spokane County as a contact for background information on the project.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you need an extension of time to submit the report.

Thanks.

**Betty Young**

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