

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MEEKER SOUTHERN RAILROAD,

Petitioner,

v.

PIERCE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS &  
UTILITIES,

Respondent.

DOCKET TR-100036

COMMISSION STAFF RESPONSE  
TO MEEKER'S PETITION FOR  
EXEMPTION UNDER WAC  
480-62-140 AND MOTION TO  
AMEND ORDERS 01 AND 03  
and  
COMMISSION STAFF  
ADDENDUM TO INSPECTION  
REPORT

USDOT CROSSING #085536R  
UTC CROSSING #42A32.40

**RESPONSE TO MEEKER'S PETITION FOR EXEMPTION UNDER  
WAC 480-62-140 AND MOTION TO AMEND ORDERS 01 AND 03**

1 On June 7, 2011, Meeker Southern Railroad (Meeker) filed a "Combined (1) Petition Under WAC 480-62-140 for Exemption from the MUTCD's Minimum Two-Foot Horizontal Offset Standard Between Edge of Paved Shoulder to Flashing Light Signals and (2) Corresponding Motion to Amend Orders 01 and 03 in Regard to Approval Condition 2 of Order 01." The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission Staff ("Commission Staff") does not oppose the petition or the motion.

**ADDENDUM TO INSPECTION REPORT**

2 On June 3, 2011, Commission Staff and Pierce County filed an Inspection Report describing their evaluation of Meeker's work at the crossing that is the subject of this docket. As described in Paragraph 7 of the Inspection Report, the signal mast on the north

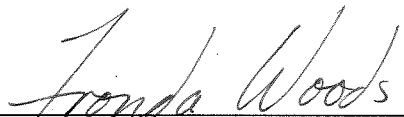
side of the crossing was found to be missing a bell. As described in Paragraph 8 of the Inspection Report, the "Do Not Stop on Tracks" signs mounted on each of the two signal masts were found to be placed too low. Meeker orally agreed to remedy these two deficiencies.

- 3 Inadvertently omitted from the Inspection Report was a suggestion that a deadline be established for rectifying the deficiencies described in Paragraphs 7 and 8. Commission Staff recommends that the Commission set a deadline of August 15, 2011 for Meeker to remedy the items identified in Paragraphs 7 and 8 of the Inspection Report.

DATED this 8th day of June, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

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