

April 24, 2002

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING
(May 29, 2002)**

RE: The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company v. City of Sprague
Docket No. TR-010684

TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD AND INTERESTED PERSONS:

On May 8, 2001, Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) filed with the Commission a Petition for the closure of the "D" Street, at-grade crossing. The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under Title 81 RCW, having legal authority to regulate the closure of railroad crossings pursuant to chapter 81.53 RCW.

A hearing in this matter is being held pursuant to Part IV of chapter 34.05 pertaining to adjudicative proceedings, including, but not limited to RCW 34.05.413, 34.05.440, 34.05.449, and 34.05.452. In addition to the foregoing statutes, rules involved include those within chapter 480-09 WAC relating to practice and procedure. The ultimate issues involved are whether the public safety requires an order be entered authorizing closure of the "D" Street crossing. The complete file in this matter sets forth the issues in more detail, and is available for inspection or copying at the Commission's offices in the Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, WA. An evening hearing session has been scheduled in order to accommodate the public.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the public hearing in this matter will be held on Wednesday, May 29, 2002, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the Sprague Chamber Building, 213 South "C" Street, Sprague, WA. 99032, to receive sworn testimony and exhibits from members of the public concerning the issues in this case.

Please see the form attached to this notice which should be filled out and returned if any party or witness needs an interpreter or other assistance.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Secretary

Attachment

NOTICE

PLEASE BE ADVISED that the hearing facilities are accessible to interested people with disabilities; that smoking is prohibited; and that if limited English-speaking or hearing impaired parties or witnesses are involved in a hearing and need an interpreter, a qualified interpreter will be appointed at no cost to the party or witness.

The information needed to provide an appropriate interpreter or other assistance should be designated below and returned to:

Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W.
P. O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250.

(SUPPLY ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION)

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Case Name: BNSF v. City of Sprague

Hearing Date: _____

Hearing Location: _____

Primary Language: _____

Hearing Impaired (Yes)_____ (No)_____

Do you need a certified sign language interpreter: (Yes)_____ (No)_____

Visual_____ Tactile_____

Other type of assistance needed: _____

English-speaking person who can be contacted if there are questions:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: (____) _____