

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Application of)	DOCKET TR-061602
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CHEHALIS CENTRALIA)	ORDER 02
RAILROAD & MUSEUM)	
Petitioner,)	
)	ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR
Requesting Disbursement from the)	DISBURSEMENT FROM THE GRADE
Grade Crossing Protective Fund)	CROSSING PROTECTIVE FUND
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On September 1, 2006, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) sent a “Notice of Opportunity to Apply for Grant Monies from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund” in Docket TR-051633 to various interested parties eligible to apply for Grade Crossing Protective Fund (GCPF) grants.
- 2 On October 16, 2006, the Chehalis Centralia Railroad & Museum (railroad) filed an application with the Commission, requesting disbursement from the GCPF to pay for a project to increase visibility of rural crossings. The railroad amended its request on December 8, 2006, and again on December 28, 2006, increasing the total number of crossings it intended to upgrade and the project cost.
- 3 In its final amendment, the railroad seeks to replace a total of 22 deteriorating and damaged railroad cross buck signs at 11 private and county railroad crossings, one on each approach to the crossing. The crossings are located in Lewis County on the 37A line, from I-5 in Chehalis and going west toward the city of Raymond. There are seven public crossings and four private crossings.
- 4 A site visit by commission staff confirmed the replacement of cross bucks is necessary to allow better vision of the railroad crossings for the traveling public.
- 5 On February 7, 2007, the Commission granted the request for disbursement of \$1,968 for the project. However, the order issued on February 7, 2007, did not take into account the amended application filed on December 28, 2007. The final amount sought in the amended application is \$2,965. The balance of the request not granted on February 7, 2007, is \$997. Staff recommends the Commission issue a second order in the docket to grant the remaining funds, as reflected in the amended application of December 28, 2006.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 6 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington having authority to approve and administer disbursements from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund. RCW 81.53.271 and RCW 81.53.281.
- 7 (2) The project for which disbursement from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund is sought is eligible for funding consideration under Commission rules and complies with the requirements of RCW 81.53.271 and RCW 81.53.281.
- 8 (3) Commission staff investigated the request based on the review criteria specified in the rules and recommended that it be granted.
- 9 (4) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on February 28, 2007.
- 10 (5) After examination of the application filed by, the Chehalis Centralia Railroad and Museum on October 16, 2006, and amended on December 8 and December 28, 2006, and giving consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission grants the request for disbursement of funds.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 11 The request of the Chehalis Centralia Railroad and Museum to replace deteriorating cross bucks and posts at several crossings in Lewis County, Washington, is granted, subject to the following conditions:
- (1) Expenditure from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund must not exceed the amount granted on February 7, 2007, of \$1,968 plus the amount of the amended application granted February 28, 2007, of \$997 for a total amount of \$2965.
 - (2) The work for which the Grade Crossing Protective Fund disbursement was approved must conform to the project description specified in the application.

- (3) Payment will be made upon presentation of claim for reimbursement for costs incurred and verification by Commission staff that the work has been satisfactorily completed.
- (4) The project must be completed no later than June 30, 2007.

The Commissioners, having determined this order to be consistent with the public interest, directs the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective February 28, 2007.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Executive Secretary