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Robert Walkley
110 - 110th Ave NE Ste 607
Bellevue, WA 98004-5890

Re: Commission Docket No. TR-990653
Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Request to Modify Order

Dear Mr. Walkley:

Commission Staff has been investigating conditions in Kent and other issues related to the request of Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad to modify the order entered in docket number TR-990653. Specifically, the railroad requested that interties between railroad and roadway signals not be required before train speeds increase.

During its review, Staff learned that the railroad had not yet prepared and submitted agreements to the city of Kent that would allow the interties to be installed. Accordingly, it is premature to present the railroad's request to the Commissioners. Staff will review the matter further when the city has had a reasonable time to review the agreements required by the railroad.

Sincerely,

Carole J. Washburn,
Executive Secretary

cc The Honorable Jim White
Mayor, City of Kent

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M. Rowswell
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