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4	WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)				
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7	VS.) Docket No. TR-980897				
8	KLICKITAT COUNTY AND BURLINGTON NORTHERN) SETTLEMENT HEARING)				
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1	BE IT REMEMBERED that a hearing before Lawrence J.
2	Berg, Administrative Law Judge for the Washington Utilities
3	and Transportation Commission, was held on Wednesday, June
4	5, 2002, at the Lyle Lions Club Community Center, Lyle,
5	Washington, commencing at the hour of 6:00 p.m.
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7	APPEARANCES:
8	Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission By: Jonathan Thompson
9	Assistant Attorney General
10	Klickitat County, Washington By: Keith Grundei
11	Klickitat County Public Works
12	Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad By: Mike Cowles
13	Manager of Public Projects
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15	ALSO PRESENT:
16	Commissioner Joan Frye, on behalf of Klickitat County
17	Commissioner Ray Thayer, on behalf of Klickitat County
18	Ahmer Nizam, on behalf of WUTC
19	Ray Gardner, on behalf of WUTC
20	Steve Mills, on behalf of BNSF
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- 3 THE REVIEW JUDGE: This is a hearing before the
- 4 Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission in docket
- 5 number TR-980897. This case is captioned the Washington
- 6 Utilities and Transportation Commission, Petitioner, versus
- 7 Klickitat County and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad,
- 8 Respondents.
- 9 Today's date is June 5, 2002. This hearing is
- 10 being conducted in Lyle, Washington, pursuant to a notice
- 11 that was served on all parties dated April 30, 2002.
- 12 My name is Larry Berg. I'm an administrative law
- 13 judge with the Washington Utilities and Transportation
- 14 Commission, and I've been appointed to preside at this
- 15 hearing.
- 16 At the start of every hearing, in addition to the
- 17 introduction that I've just made, we take time to allow
- 18 parties to state their appearances for the record. The
- 19 purpose of this hearing is to take presentation of testimony
- 20 and for me to ask questions regarding a proposed settlement
- 21 agreement between the WUTC Commission staff, Klickitat
- 22 County, and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad. I'll
- 23 just note that the Commission may be referred to as the WUTC
- 24 or as the Commission; likewise, at points in this proceeding
- 25 the railroad may be referred to as BNSF.

- 1 At this point in time I will take appearances from
- 2 the parties, and I'll just ask that parties making
- 3 appearances, the representative who will be speaking on
- 4 behalf of the party, please state your full name, your job
- 5 title, your address, your phone number, your fax number, and
- 6 your e-mail address for the record. Also, I will ask those
- 7 lead representatives to introduce anyone else who is
- 8 appearing with them here this evening.
- 9 We'll start with Mr. Thompson, who represents the
- 10 Commission staff.
- 11 MR. THOMPSON: I'm Jonathan Thompson. I'm an
- 12 assistant attorney general, and I'm representing the staff
- 13 of the Commission, as distinct from Mr. Berg, who is the
- 14 judge. And my address is 1400 S. Evergreen Park Drive,
- 15 S.W., Olympia, 98504. My telephone number is 360-664-1225.
- 16 My fax is 360-586-5522. And my e-mail is jthompso@wutc.wa.gov.
- 17 And also appearing as witnesses on behalf of the
- 18 staff are Mr. Ahmer Nizam and Mr. Ray Gardner, who can
- 19 provide their particulars.
- 20 MR. NIZAM: My name is Ahmer Nizam. My job title
- 21 is rail engineer with the Washington Utilities and
- 22 Transportation Commission.
- Would you like my address and phone number?
- THE REVIEW JUDGE: That won't be necessary,
- 25 Mr. Nizam. Thank you.

- 1 MR. GARDNER: My name is Ray Gardner. I'm a
- 2 transportation specialist for the Washington Utilities and
- 3 Transportation Commission.
- 4 THE REVIEW JUDGE: Thank you, Mr. Gardner.
- 5 Next we'll take Klickitat County.
- 6 MR. GRUNDEI: I'm Keith Grundei, office engineer
- 7 for Klickitat County Public Works Department. My address is
- 8 228 West Main, Goldendale, Washington, 98620. Phone number,
- 9 509-773-4616. Fax number, 509-773-5713. E-mail is
- 10 keithg@co.klickitat.wa.us.
- 11 THE REVIEW JUDGE: And Mr. Grundei, I understand
- 12 also here on behalf of the County this evening are
- 13 Commissioners Thayer and Frye, and Commissioner board
- 14 manager ----
- MR. GORLEY: Clerk of the board.
- THE REVIEW JUDGE: Clerk of the board, Mr. Gorley.
- 17 All right. And, just for purposes of introduction,
- 18 for those people here who have not met either Commissioner
- 19 Frye or Commissioner Thayer, I'll let them introduce
- 20 themselves at this point.
- 21 COMMISSIONER FRYE: I'm Commissioner Joan Frye.
- Do you want my address?
- THE ARBITRATOR: No. That's not necessary. Thank
- 24 you.
- 25 COMMISSIONER THAYER: And I'm Commissioner Ray

- 1 Thayer.
- THE REVIEW JUDGE: And for the Burlington Northern
- 3 and Santa Fe Railroad Company?
- 4 MR. COWLES: My name is Mike Cowles, C-O-W-L-E-S.
- 5 I'm manager of public projects for the Burlington Northern
- 6 Santa Fe Railway Company. My address is 2454 Occidental,
- 7 O-C-C-I-D-E-N-T-A-L, Avenue S., Suite 1-A, Seattle,
- 8 Washington, 98134. My phone number is 206-625-6146. Fax
- 9 number is 206-625-6115.
- 10 And along with me tonight is Steve Mills, who is
- 11 with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad as well.
- 12 THE REVIEW JUDGE: Is it Nills?
- 13 MR. MILLS: Steven Mills, manager of grade crossing
- 14 safety for the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad.
- THE REVIEW JUDGE: Thank you, Mr. Mills.
- The purpose of this hearing, as I stated, is to
- 17 take testimony regarding a settlement agreement and
- 18 stipulated statement of facts. I'll indicate that, in
- 19 addition to having some questions about the settlement
- 20 itself, I will want to take some testimony regarding the
- 21 closing, as the case has developed, from staff and the
- 22 railroad and from the County. This may require some input
- 23 from both yourself, Mr. Grundei, and you, Mr. Cowles, and
- 24 Mr. Nizam and Mr. Gardner. So I think, for the sake of
- 25 expediency, I'd like each of you to take an oath at this

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              If you'd all please stand and raise your right
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    hand, do you affirm under penalty of perjury that any
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     statements or testimony you give here this evening will be
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     the truth?
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                   (All potential witnesses responded affirmatively.)
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              THE REVIEW JUDGE: Thank you.
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              Mr. Nizam, I understand that this case originally
     started with the petition from Commission staff for the
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     closure of the Depot Road crossing. Is that correct?
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              MR. NIZAM: That's correct.
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              THE REVIEW JUDGE: In looking at the petition that
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     was filed at the time, the Commission stated that the reason
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     for seeking closure was because of a dangerous condition
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     caused by the downgrade of the road approaching the
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     crossing, which was especially dangerous in icy conditions,
     as well as the safety facilities at the crossing?
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              MR. NIZAM: I was not the staff representative that
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     filed the petition, but in reading the memorandums and
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     different products of investigations from staff
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     representatives prior to the filing of that petition, I
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     think that the main reasons that the Commission staff
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     originally wanted to file a petition to close the crossing
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were a little bit different than as stated in that

- 1 particular paragraph. And I can explain, if you would like.
- THE REVIEW JUDGE: Yes, please.
- 3 MR. NIZAM: As a general matter, the Commission's
- 4 view towards highway rail grade crossings is that they
- 5 represent a potential hazard to the motoring public due to
- 6 the possibility of conflict between vehicles and trains and
- 7 also the frequency of those conflicts on a national level,
- 8 which is about once every two hours there's a collision
- 9 between a vehicle and a train.
- 10 Now, because of that it's been a long-standing
- 11 Commission policy to consolidate crossings whenever multiple
- 12 crossings prove to be redundant. For example, if you have
- 13 two crossings that serve the same area and one of those
- 14 crossings can be closed with the other crossing taking on
- 15 all of the traffic that that crossing once accommodated,
- 16 then the Commission's policy would be to go ahead and
- 17 consolidate the two crossings into one, provided that doing
- 18 so would be in the interest of safety and efficiency for the
- 19 motoring public.
- 20 And in this case the Commission staff originally
- 21 conducted an investigation in 1996, and that investigation
- 22 concluded that, if the Depot Road grade crossing were
- 23 closed, that traffic could be safely and efficiently
- 24 diverted to the Seventh Street overpass, which is located
- 25 approximately one-half mile east of that crossing, without

- 1 any adverse impact to the transportation roadway system or
- 2 access to property served by both crossings.
- 3 THE REVIEW JUDGE: And Mr. Grundei, I understand
- 4 that initially the County had some opposition to the
- 5 proposed closing. Is that correct?
- 6 MR. GRUNDEI: That is correct.
- 7 THE REVIEW JUDGE: Were you actively involved in
- 8 the case at that time?
- 9 MR. GRUNDEI: Not at that time, I wasn't.
- 10 THE REVIEW JUDGE: And I would like, if you would,
- 11 to have you explain how the County's position with regards
- 12 to closing has changed over time and to explain to me the
- 13 terms of the settlement condition that have made you believe
- 14 this agreement is something that is going to be to the
- 15 County's benefit.
- 16 MR. GRUNDEI: Okay. Initially there was a plat
- 17 that was being developed on the other side of the railroad
- 18 tracks, and our policy is that plats have two points of
- 19 access. There is actually a third point of access farther
- 20 east, but it's very substandard and it crosses underneath
- 21 the railroad tracks. So the two points of access that were
- 22 available were the Seventh Street crossing over the tracks
- 23 and the grade crossing at the west end of Depot Road.
- 24 This has been going on, looking back through the
- 25 files, sometime prior to 1995. At that time or near that

- 1 time the Seventh Street over-crossing was a timbered
- 2 structured bridge. It was reconstructed to a modern
- 3 standard that could handle the current loads for trucks in
- 4 approximately 1994 or '95. So one of the concerns with the
- 5 bridge being upgraded was alleviated, that that bridge could
- 6 handle the loads and we wouldn't need to use the grade
- 7 crossing as much.
- 8 Then we applied for signalization funds to increase
- 9 the safety factor, and those funds were in the process of
- 10 being granted when, I believe, the Commission requested or
- 11 petitioned for the closure of the grade. Since that is a
- 12 safety issue and the remaining portion of Depot Road from
- 13 Seventh Street leading to Cove Road is roughly a 16-foot wide
- 14 gravel road, it was allowed that the funds that were
- 15 originally dedicated for the signalization crossing would be
- 16 transferred to improve the road to a safe two-lane paved
- 17 road. And that's where we are today.
- 18 THE REVIEW JUDGE: All right. Mr. Cowles, I'll
- 19 also take note from the settlement agreement that the
- 20 railroad is transferring certain rights of way to the County
- 21 for its road improvement. Is that correct?
- 22 MR. COWLES: Yes. And it's my understanding the
- 23 roadway right now itself is within the railroad
- 24 rights-of-way.
- 25 Is that right, Keith?

- 1 MR. GRUNDEI: I think there's infringement both
- 2 ways.
- 3 MR. COWLES: And basically it's to make things
- 4 right and to provide that right-of-way for the County to
- 5 make their road improvements.
- 6 THE REVIEW JUDGE: So this is a situation where the
- 7 railroad possesses a right-of-way from the County?
- 8 MR. COWLES: The County road is probably on the
- 9 railroad right-of-way, probably without proper title,
- 10 easements or whichever. But I think this action that we are
- 11 about to endeavor and to make those road improvements, I
- 12 think, will make things right.
- 13 THE REVIEW JUDGE: So what we're dealing with here
- 14 is a situation where the existing road, in addition to being
- 15 formalized in a right-of-way where the road exists now will
- 16 be expanded to allow the County to build a road to other
- 17 standards. Is that correct?
- 18 MR. COWLES: That's correct. I have yet to see
- 19 the plans that the County has prepared as far as how much
- 20 right-of-way we are talking about here for the improvement.
- 21 I don't know where the County is with their plans.
- MR. GRUNDEI: I'm still preparing them.
- MR. COWLES: Still preparing them.
- 24 THE REVIEW JUDGE: All right. And I also noted
- 25 that there is some provision for the termination of a

- 1 siding. Is that correct?
- 2 MR. COWLES: Yes. We have, I guess you'd call it,
- 3 a team track, and we have what you'd call a camp car, that
- 4 is sitting on the end of it. And the plan is to remove that
- 5 camp car on site because the track cannot move that camp car
- 6 down the rail because the rail is so badly in pieces. And
- 7 then also to remove the track up at the switch, provided the
- 8 room and the access for the roadway improvement the County
- 9 will be doing.
- 10 THE REVIEW JUDGE: Where is the switch located?
- 11 MR. COWLES: Basically between the Depot Road
- 12 crossing and where the team track crosses the street that
- 13 they will be improving.
- 14 THE REVIEW JUDGE: So that branches off of the
- 15 siding track?
- 16 MR. COWLES: Right. There's a main line and
- 17 there's a siding, and there's a team track which comes off
- 18 the siding.
- 19 THE REVIEW JUDGE: All right.
- 20 Mr. Grundei, I'll ask you because I think you may
- 21 be the person that knows this information, but certainly if
- 22 either Mr. Nizam on Mr. Cowles knows, please feel free to
- 23 speak up.
- I notice where the average daily traffic across the
- 25 Depot Road at-grade crossing is estimated at less than 50

- 1 trips a day. Do you know how that number was developed?
- 2 MR. GRUNDEI: No, I don't. I would have to assume
- 3 that someone took that number out of our files. We do have
- 4 counters that we put out and count the traffic on our roads.
- 5 I did not verify that number, but it's been thrown around
- 6 for the last couple of years, and I have to assume it came
- 7 out of our volumes of traffic counts.
- 8 THE REVIEW JUDGE: Do you have any knowledge about
- 9 what the volume of traffic over the Seventh Street overpass
- 10 is on a daily basis?
- MR. GRUNDEI: Not offhand, no.
- 12 THE REVIEW JUDGE: And my understanding is that
- 13 those are the only two roads that access the frontage road.
- 14 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE FROM PUBLIC OBSERVERS: There's
- 15 a tunnel down there.
- 16 THE REVIEW JUDGE: Is there another way to access
- 17 that frontage area?
- 18 MR. GRUNDEI: There is, but it would be on a
- 19 private road. The County road -- I referred to an underpass
- 20 earlier on the east side of the peninsula. That is a County
- 21 road, but then it dead-ends and becomes a private road. And
- 22 you can use the private road to get back to Depot Road.
- THE REVIEW JUDGE: All right.
- 24 Mr. Cowles, is it the railroad's intent to remove
- 25 all of the structure for that T-spur, the rail, and -- I'm

- 1 trying to think of it -- the ties that go underneath it, or
- would those remain in place?
- 3 MR. COWLES: It is our position to remove the
- 4 entire track from where the camp car sits, all the way to
- 5 the switch that ties into the siding.
- 6 THE REVIEW JUDGE: All right. Then the other
- 7 questions I have relate to the specific improvements that
- 8 will be made to various sections of the road as well as
- 9 signage that, whether there's any signage or other parts of
- 10 the settlement that may not be spelled out in the other
- 11 documents I have.
- 12 So the areas that I'm concerned with are the
- 13 Seventh Street overpass to Depot Road. That section. Depot
- 14 Road to Cove Road. And then there's Cove Road to the water.
- 15 Coming back up Depot Road there's the area from Depot Road
- 16 to the crossing. And then there's the area that's between
- 17 Highway 14 and the crossing. And I want to just get a clear
- 18 understanding of exactly what the parties understand about
- 19 how those various sections will be changed or improved as a
- 20 result of the agreement. And we'll just take them one at a
- 21 time.
- 22 We'll start with the Seventh Street overpass to
- 23 Depot Road.
- 24 MR. GRUNDEI: The portion of Seventh Street would
- 25 remain just like it is right now. It meets all our

- 1 standards for a local access road, which is what we're
- 2 talking about.
- 3 THE REVIEW JUDGE: Is that paved right to Depot
- 4 Road?
- 5 MR. GRUNDEI: Yes, it is.
- 6 THE REVIEW JUDGE: And then the dirt or gravel
- 7 roadway begins on Depot Road heading towards Cove Road?
- 8 MR. GRUNDEI: Correct.
- 9 THE REVIEW JUDGE: All right. What improvements
- 10 will be made in that stretch from Depot Road to Cove Road?
- 11 MR. GRUNDEI: We'll reconstruct the existing road
- 12 and widen it to 24 feet, and at the junction with Cove Road
- 13 we'll put in a radius curve that allows the trucks with
- 14 their boats to make the corner, which is a problem now.
- 15 When we get around the corner and on to Cove Road
- 16 and heading down towards the water, the project will stop,
- 17 and no further improvements will be made to Cove Road.
- 18 THE REVIEW JUDGE: All right. Will there be any
- 19 improvements made to Depot Road between Cove and the
- 20 crossing that's proposed to be closed?
- 21 MR. GRUNDEI: No. There would be no improvements.
- 22 In fact, we anticipate beyond the portion that we're
- 23 vacating, we would probably scarify the road to give or
- 24 return it to a more natural look and put up some kind of
- 25 sign or barricade that denotes the end of the County road.

- 1 And that would prevent people from going forth towards the
- 2 tracks.
- 3 THE REVIEW JUDGE: All right.
- 4 And what I'm looking for is certainly what you
- 5 already know, and I don't want you to necessarily speculate,
- 6 but it's important to see what's planned and how the
- 7 proposed closing would affect the public. What about that
- 8 section of road that comes off of Highway 14 and heads
- 9 towards the crossing? What will that be like?
- 10 MR. GRUNDEI: I anticipate leaving it just as it
- 11 is. The adjacent owners have already expressed a desire
- 12 that we not tear it up. They have some plan for that.
- 13 THE REVIEW JUDGE: So they could use that to get
- 14 ingress and egress off their property?
- 15 MR. GRUNDEI: I assume to access their property;
- 16 yes.
- 17 THE REVIEW JUDGE: So that would remain County
- 18 road and remain in the condition it's currently in?
- 19 MR. GRUNDEI: No. It would be vacated and would be
- 20 returned to the two owners on either side of the road.
- 21 THE REVIEW JUDGE: And then what would it look like
- 22 from the highway? What would happen there? I did drive 14
- 23 from the west, heading east, but I don't recall, for
- 24 example, whether that's a curbed stretch of road or what
- 25 delineated that ----

- 1 MR. GRUNDEI: There's no curb there. There's a
- 2 stop sign which is put up by the State Highway Department,
- 3 and I believe there is a road sign denoting it as Depot
- 4 Road. So the only change is to remove the Depot Road sign.
- 5 And I'm assuming the State will then remove their stop sign
- 6 because it's no longer a public road.
- 7 THE REVIEW JUDGE: All right. Then from that point
- 8 on, after the road would be vacated, it would be up to the
- 9 property owners to otherwise mark that road or to inform the
- 10 public who may be used to gaining access that the status has
- 11 changed?
- MR. GRUNDEI: That's correct.
- 13 THE REVIEW JUDGE: Mr. Nizam, I understand from the
- 14 stipulated statement of facts that there was a train/vehicle
- 15 accident at this crossing in 1975. Is that correct?
- MR. NIZAM: That is correct.
- 17 THE REVIEW JUDGE: And that resulted in a fatality?
- 18 MR. NIZAM: According to the Federal Railroad
- 19 Administration accident database, yes.
- 20 THE REVIEW JUDGE: And are there any records of any
- 21 other accidents occurring at that crossing that you are
- 22 aware of, other than that fatality?
- MR. NIZAM: No.
- I would like to add one thing about the
- 25 characteristics of the crossing, and when one is approaching

- 1 the crossing from State Route 14. Sight distance is
- 2 considered inadequate due to railroad curves and also
- 3 topography. In other words, if you were approaching the
- 4 crossing you don't have adequate sight distance of trains
- 5 coming from either direction, but especially from the west.
- 6 THE REVIEW JUDGE: Is that based on a federal
- 7 safety standard?
- 8 MR. NIZAM: That's based on a site investigation.
- 9 THE REVIEW JUDGE: Let me ask Mr. Grundei, is there
- 10 any other private property that needs to be acquired in
- 11 order for these improvements to be made? In particular, I'm
- 12 thinking of that one point where Depot turns on to Cove, and
- 13 I notice from a map that that finger of property may be
- 14 owned by the Corps of Engineers, Lot 17. Is it necessary to
- 15 acquire any other property other than property that's owned
- 16 or controlled by the railroad?
- MR. GRUNDEI: I have not got the plans to that
- 18 point, to say positively yes or no. I have gone down and
- 19 looked at the site and looked where the property corners
- 20 are, and I feel fairly comfortable that I can accomplish
- 21 that, staying within the Cove Road existing 60-foot
- 22 right-of-way and the right-of-way that we obtained from the
- 23 railroad company.
- 24 THE REVIEW JUDGE: Is there any additional signage
- 25 planned by the County that would notify the public of the

- 1 change or of the Seventh Street overpass access?
- 2 MR. GRUNDEI: Probably the only signage we would
- 3 have, other than the typical stop sign, yield sign, would be
- 4 at the junction of Cove Road and Depot Road there would be a
- 5 sign erected saying dead end, so people knew that going
- 6 beyond, past Cove Road, they would have to stop and turn
- 7 around.
- 8 THE REVIEW JUDGE: Mr. Grundei, I'll just confirm
- 9 for the record that you've read the stipulated statement of
- 10 facts?
- 11 MR. GRUNDEI: Yes, I have.
- 12 THE REVIEW JUDGE: And I know that was signed very
- 13 recently. To the best of your knowledge, do all those facts
- 14 remain true and correct?
- 15 MR. GRUNDEI: To the best of my knowledge, they
- 16 are.
- 17 THE REVIEW JUDGE: Would you change or add anything
- 18 to those statements of fact at this time?
- MR. GRUNDEI: Not at this time.
- THE REVIEW JUDGE: All right. Mr. Cowles, let me
- 21 ask the same questions of you. Have you had an opportunity
- 22 to review that stipulated statement of facts?
- MR. COWLES: Yes, I have. And I faxed over a
- 24 signed copy of that stipulation of facts to Mr. Nizam
- 25 yesterday evening.

- 1 THE REVIEW JUDGE: Could you tell me who signed the
- 2 stipulated facts on behalf of Burlington Northern Santa Fe
- 3 Railroad.
- 4 MR. COWLES: I did.
- 5 THE REVIEW JUDGE: All right. Thank you.
- 6 And are there any changes or corrections that you
- 7 would make to that stipulated statement at this time?
- 8 MR. COWLES: No, I would not.
- 9 THE REVIEW JUDGE: That concludes my questions.
- 10 Let me indicate that the stipulated statement of
- 11 facts will be marked and admitted as Exhibit 1. And that
- 12 includes the two maps, Exhibit A, page 1 and page 2, that
- 13 are attached to the stipulated statement of facts.
- 14 Exhibit 2 will be the settlement agreement signed
- 15 by the parties, and that exhibit is admitted.
- 16 Mr. Nizam, I understand that, as a result of prior
- 17 public hearings, there are three letters in the Commission's
- 18 file from interested persons. Is that correct?
- 19 MR. NIZAM: That's correct.
- 20 THE REVIEW JUDGE: All right. Those three letters
- 21 that are currently part of the Commission's file will be
- 22 marked as Exhibit 3, and they are also admitted to the
- 23 record.
- And if there are any other documents that come up
- 25 during the course of the public hearing, we'll assign those

- 1 a separate exhibit number.
- 2 All right. That concludes all my questions. Is
- 3 there anything further from the parties before this part of
- 4 the hearing adjourns?
- 5 MR. COWLES: Yes. I have a few statements about
- 6 the condition of the crossing as it's closed. The railroad
- 7 would also be, besides removing the track and the switch, we
- 8 would also be removing the planks within the rails. And as
- 9 part of the approach, as the County had made a statement,
- 10 that would obliterate much of the approach to bring it back
- 11 to the natural land.
- 12 I also would like to make an additional statement
- 13 that the barriers, class 1 and class 3 barriers would be
- 14 placed on the Highway 14 approach to the crossing, would be
- 15 placed at the railway right-of-way line. I don't have a set
- 16 of plans with me, but I think that's probably about 50 feet
- 17 from the railroad crossing.
- 18 THE REVIEW JUDGE: Would you explain what that
- 19 class of barricade is.
- 20 MR. COWLES: It's a reflectorized barricade, three
- 21 or four boards across. Class 3 barricade on both
- 22 approaches. And they would be placed on the Highway 14
- 23 approach, probably about 50 feet from the railroad track,
- 24 depending on where our right-of-way line is. And that's
- 25 where the end of the roadway would be.

2	that vacated section of the roadway to where the barricade
3	would be off of Highway 14, will there be some area for
4	vehicles to turn around and go back the same way they came?
5	MR. COWLES: I really couldn't answer that
6	question. Maybe Keith has an answer to that. But I assume
7	that's going to be a private road as soon as it's vacated.
8	MR. GRUNDEI: That's my understanding. It's up to
9	them to control access to their property at that point.
10	THE REVIEW JUDGE: All right. And are either of
11	the owners of those properties here this evening?
12	MR. GRUNDEI: One of them is, yes.
13	THE REVIEW JUDGE: And your name, sir?
14	MR. COLT: Greg Colt.
15	THE REVIEW JUDGE: All right. I do see, Mr. Colt,
16	where you've signed the listing that you will make some
17	comments here this evening.
18	All right. Thank you, sir.
19	Anything further from the parties?
20	MR. COWLES: No, sir.
21	THE REVIEW JUDGE: All right, then. At this time
22	the hearing on the settlement agreement is adjourned.
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25	(Proceedings Concluded)

1 THE REVIEW JUDGE: If somebody were to come down

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     day of June, 2002.
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