

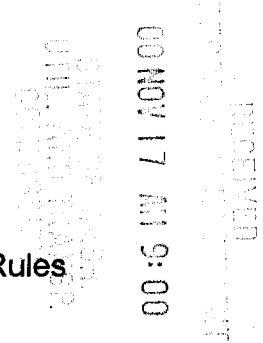


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State of Washington
 Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
 C/O Carole Washburn, Secretary
 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W.
 P.O. Box 47250
 Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Reference: Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments on Draft Rules
 (November 6, 2000)



Dear Ms. Washburn,

On behalf of the Port of Edmonds, I am responding to your draft rules on railroad operations as distributed on October 26, 2000.

The following recommendation is noted for your review and change:

WAC 480-62-225 Crossing surfaces.

- (5) Notice Requirements.
 - (a) Whenever a highway authority plans to perform maintenance that will affect a crossing, it must notify the railroad company and local jurisdiction at least ten days before performing the maintenance.

I appreciate your review and serious consideration of this recommendation for change.

Sincerely yours,

Christopher W. Keuss
 Deputy Executive Director

CC: City of Edmonds