

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY)	DOCKET NO. TR-020175
)	
Petitioner,)	ORDER GRANTING PETITION TO MODIFY TRAIN DETECTION CIRCUITRY AT MARYHILL CROSSING (STONEHENGE DRIVE)
v.)	
)	
KLICKITAT COUNTY)	
)	
Respondent)	D.O.T. 090069R
.....)	W.U.T.C. 3A 114.30

BACKGROUND

- 1 On February 11, 2002, the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) filed a petition with the Commission, seeking authority to modify train detection circuitry at a highway-rail grade crossing. The crossing is located at the intersection of the petitioner’s tracks and Stonehenge Drive, in Klickitat County, Washington.

- 2 Respondent has consented to an entry of an order by the Commission without further notice or hearing.

DISCUSSION

- 3 Although the petition identifies the grade crossing as “Maryhill Crossing,” WUTC’s crossing inventory identifies the roadway as Stonehenge Drive. Klickitat County engineers have verified that Stonehenge Drive is the official designation.

- 4 Warning devices at the crossing consist of shoulder-mounted flashing light signals and gates, with motion-sensing train activation devices. Petitioner seeks to upgrade train activation devices by replacing the motion-sensing equipment with constant-warning train activation circuitry. The new circuitry will enhance train detection capability and improve the overall warning system at the crossing.

- 5 Commission Staff investigated the petition and recommended that it be granted, subject to specified conditions.

- 6 This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting on February 27, 2002. The Commissioners have reviewed the petition and have been advised in the matter. They believe that granting the petition, subject to the conditions set forth below, is in the public interest, and direct the Secretary to issue the Order.

ORDER

7 THE COMMISSION GRANTS the petition of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company to upgrade train detection circuitry at a highway-rail grade crossing, designated as WUTC 3A 114.30 and located at the intersection of Stonehenge Drive and the petitioner's tracks in Klickitat County, Washington, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The upgrades must conform to the plans filed in this proceeding.
- (2) Operation of the railroad warning devices must comply with applicable standards specified in the U.S. Department of Transportation *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices* and Part 234 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations.
- (3) Upon completion of the modifications authorized herein, petitioner must notify the Commission. Acceptance of the installations is subject to a compliance inspection by Commission Staff, verifying that the changes are in full compliance with law, regulation, and the conditions specified herein.

DATED at Olympia, Washington and effective this 27th of February, 2002.

THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary