WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

		DOCKET NO. TR- OUIO76 PETITION FOR THE ABANDONMENT AND CLOSURE OF A HIGHWAY-RAIL GRADE CROSSING			
Cascade And Columbia River Railroad	Petitioner,				20
	VS.)	CT.	\subseteq	CO
Chelan County	Respondent))	oFS.		
	:	D.O.T. 096221T		<u></u>	
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Application is hereby made for an order from the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission consenting to the abandonment and closure to public use of a grade crossing located at the point described in the following interrogatories and answers which are hereby referred to and made a part of this petition.

Buck Workman

General Manager

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Petitioner

901 E Omak Ave

Street

Omak, WA 98841

City ZIP Code

INTERROGATORIES

1.

State name of highway and railway at crossing intersection:

	Existing highway: "A" Street
	Existing railway: Cascade And Columbia River
	State Crossing No: 096221T
	Located in the <u>NE</u> 1/4 of the <u>NE</u> 1/4 of Sec. <u>31</u> , Twp. <u>27N</u> , Range <u>23E</u> W.M.
	Railway mile post (nearest tenth) _ 37.76
	CityChelan Falls
	CountyChelan
	2.
(a)	Type of highway at crossing (Indicated with X):
	() State, (X) County, () City Street
	Average Daily Traffic over the tracks: 10
(b)	Type of railroad at crossing (Indicate with X):
	(X_) Common Carrier, (_) Logging, (_) Industrial
	(_X_) Main Line, () Branch Line, (_X_) Spur Average Daily Train Traffic: 2

State fully the reasons for seeking authority to close and abandon the public use of the grade crossing described:

3.

Chestnut Street (700' North) is to have Motion Sensor Active Warning equipment installed with flashing lights, gates, and bell. "A" Street is estimated to only have 10% of the traffic that Chestnut Street has. Also "A" Street serves as the railroad loading point for customer Trout-Blue Chelan our largest customer who ships 50-60 cars per year. When cars are spotted for loading the end of the car is approximately 3' from the crossing thereby creating a potential hazard for traffic and blocks the safe view of West bound motorists of South bound trains.

4.

Describe the area or site that is served by the crossing, including the approximate number of homes or businesses that might be affected by the closure.

"A" Streets biggest user is Trout-Blue Chelan (they are not opposed to the closure at this time), no homes would be effected, anyone who uses this street to access the park would have a safer crossing to use at Chestnut Street.

5.

How far is the nearest alternate access across the tracks from the crossing proposed for closure?

Approximately 700' to the North.

6.

Attach a sketch showing the layout of the highway and railway in the vicinity of the crossing as well as the parcels of private property located on both sides of the highway for a distance of 500' from the crossing, including the name and mailing address of each property owner.

WAIVER OF HEARING BY RESPONDENT

Having investigated the conditions existing at and in the vicinity of the grade crossing described herein and being satisfied that such conditions are substantially as described in the interrogatories and answers thereto, and consent that the grade crossing should be closed and abandoned to public use. Hearing in this proceeding is hereby waived.

Dated at	, Washington, on the	day of
	, 2000.	

Respondent

Ву:	
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INSTRUCTIONS

The original and one copy of the petition with interrogatories completely answered must be filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission unless the waiver of hearing form is filled out by the respondent. If waiver of hearing is filled out by the respondent, only the original copy of the petition is required to be filed with the Commission.

If waiver of hearing is not executed on the petition filed, the copy will be served upon the respondent for answer within 20 days. Upon receipt of respondent's answer, the application will be investigated.

Under the terms of RCW 81.53.060 as amended by the session laws of 1959, the Commission may order the closure of a grade crossing without hearing where:

- (1) notice of the filing of the petition is posted at, or as near practical to, the crossing.
- (2) notice of the filing of the petition is published once in some newspaper of general circulation in the community or area where such crossing is situated, which publication shall appear within the same week that the notice referred to in (1) above is posted; and
 - (3) no objections are received by the Commission within twenty days from the date of the publication of the notice.

If an objection is received, the matter will be set for hearing.

Petitions submitted by counties must be signed by at least two members of the Board of County Commissioners.

