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March 6, 2008

Kathy Hunter  
Washington Department of Transportation  
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

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Ms. Hunter,

Enclosed is a petition for the St. John's Railroad crossing upgrade, DOT number 809294C for consideration. If you have any questions, please contact me at (208) 734-4644 ext 106.

Sincerely,

Scott Adams  
Chief Engineer of Track West Region  
WATCO Companies, Inc.

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Palouse River & Coulee City Railroad	)	
	)	
	)	DOCKET NO. 13-
	)	
Petitioner:	)	PETITION FOR MODIFICATION OF
	)	DETECTION CIRCUITRY AND
	)	ALLOCATION OF COSTS FROM THE
	)	GRADE CROSSING PROTECTION
FUND	)	
City of St John	)	
	)	WUTC No. 36F17.70
Respondent	)	DOT No. 809294C
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Petitioner requests the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to enter an order consenting to the modification of detection circuitry for a grade crossing signal system and allocate the costs associated with the proposal pursuant to RCW 81.53.081 as follows:

1. Identifying information for the crossing:

Existing highway, street road, county: S. Park Ave, Whitman

Existing railway: Palouse River & Coulee City Railroad

WUTC Crossing Number: 36F17.70

DOT Number: 809294C

2. Description of current signals and/or gates at the crossing: Wig Wag, 1 only located in the SE quadrant

3. Type of current crossing circuitry: AC/DC style C without island circuit.

4. Project description and justification:

(a) Proposed changes: Replace existing Wig Wag signal with WSDOT provided pre-wired instrument housing using style C track circuits and 12 inch shoulder mounted flashing lights.

(b) Justification for changes: Existing train detection circuitry and active warning device are obsolete and not in compliance with Federal Railroad Administration Title 49 CFR Part 234 Grade Crossing Signal Safety System regulation.

(c) Affects of proposed changes on warning devices and warning times for drivers: Shoulder mounted 12 inch flashing lights installed in both the SE and NW quadrants will alert motorist traveling in either direction toward the crossing of an approaching train. It will also provide continuous warning until the train has completely passed over the crossing. Warning times will remain the same providing industry standard of approximately 30 seconds of warning time.

5. **Drawings.** Sketches drawn to scale are attached accurately showing the current and proposed layout of the highway (including shoulders, sidewalks, lanes of travel, bike lanes and crossing warning devices), of the crossing surface and of the railway in the vicinity of the crossing. N/A

6. **Project Cost:**

GCPF	\$20,050.00
WSDOT	24,203.17
Total:	\$44,253.17

7. **Completion Date:** 4/30/08

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated at St. John, Washington this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008.

Palouse River & Coulee City Railroad  
Petitioner

[Signature]  
By Chief Engineer of Truck  
470 Hansen St. South  
(Address)  
Twin Falls, Idaho 83301

**WAIVER OF HEARING BY RESPONDENT**

The respondent has investigated the conditions existing at and in the vicinity of the grade crossing described herein and is satisfied that such conditions are substantially as described in the petition. Respondent consents to the modification of the signal system circuitry as described in the petition. Hearing in this proceeding is hereby waived.

Dated at St. John, Washington, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 2008.

City of St John  
Respondent  
[Signature] Mayor  
By  
Po 298  
Address  
St John WA 99171