

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

 Petitioner,
 vs.

 Respondent

DOCKET NO. TR- 091202
 PETITION TO CONSTRUCT A
 HIGHWAY-RAIL GRADE
 CROSSING

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The Petitioner asks the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to approve construction of a highway-rail grade crossing.

Section 1 – Petitioner’s Information

 Petitioner
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Section 2 – Respondent's Information

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Respondent

Street Address

City, State and Zip Code

Mailing Address, if different than the street address

Contact Person Name

Contact Phone Number and E-mail Address

Section 3 – Proposed Crossing Location

1. Existing highway/roadway Howard Way

2. Existing railroad BNSF

3. Location of proposed crossing:
Located in the ___ 1/4 of the ___ 1/4 of Sec. 14, Twp. 5N, Range 7W W.M.

4. GPS location, if known _____

5. Railroad mile post (nearest tenth) 115.6

6. City Woodland County Cowlitz

Section 4 – Proposed Crossing Information

1. Railroad company BNSF

2. Type of railroad at crossing Common Carrier Logging Industrial
 Passenger Excursion

3. Type of tracks at crossing Main Line Siding or Spur

4. Number of tracks at crossing 1

5. Average daily train traffic, freight 3/wk - 1/mo.

Authorized freight train speed 10 MPH Operated freight train speed 10 MPH

6. Average daily train traffic, passenger 0

Authorized passenger train speed _____ Operated passenger train speed _____

7. Will the proposed crossing eliminate the need for one or more existing crossings?
Yes _____ No X

8. If so, state the distance and direction from the proposed crossing.

9. Does the petitioner propose to close any existing crossings?
Yes _____ No X

Section 5 – Temporary Crossing

1. Is the crossing proposed to be temporary? Yes No
2. If so, describe the purpose of the crossing and the estimated time it will be needed
- _____
- _____
- _____
3. Will the petitioner remove the crossing at completion of the activity requiring the temporary crossing? Yes No
- Approximate date of removal _____

Section 6 – Current Highway Traffic Information

1. Name of roadway/highway Howard Way
2. Roadway classification Industrial collector
3. Road authority City of Woodland
4. Average annual daily traffic (AADT) Approx 500-1,000
5. Number of lanes 2
6. Roadway speed 25 MPH
7. Is the crossing part of an established truck route? Yes No
8. If so, trucks are what percent of total daily traffic? 90%
9. Is the crossing part of an established school bus route? Yes No
10. If so, how many school buses travel over the crossing each day? 0
11. Describe any changes to the information in 1 through 7, above, expected within ten years:
- _____
- _____

Section 7 – Alternatives to the Proposal

1. Does a safer location for a crossing exist within a reasonable distance of the proposed location?
Yes No

2. If a safer location exists, explain why the crossing should not be located at that site.

3. Are there any hillsides, embankments, buildings, trees, railroad loading platforms or other barriers in the vicinity which may obstruct a motorist's view of the crossing?
Yes No

4. If a barrier exists, describe:

- ◆ Whether petitioner can relocate the crossing to avoid the obstruction and if not, why not.
- ◆ How the barrier can be removed.
- ◆ How the petitioner or another party can mitigate the hazard caused by the barrier.

5. Is it feasible to construct an over-crossing or under-crossing at the proposed location as an alternative to an at-grade crossing?
Yes No

6. If an over-crossing or under-crossing is not feasible, explain why.

7. Does the railway line, at any point in the vicinity of the proposed crossing, pass over a fill area or trestle or through a cut where it is feasible to construct an over-crossing or an under-crossing, even though it may be necessary to relocate a portion of the roadway to reach that point?

Yes No

8. If such a location exists, state:

- ◆ The distance and direction from the proposed crossing.
- ◆ The approximate cost of construction.
- ◆ Any reasons that exist to prevent locating the crossing at this site.

9. Is there an existing public or private crossing in the vicinity of the proposed crossing?

Yes No

10. If a crossing exists, state:

- ◆ The distance and direction from the proposed crossing.
- ◆ Whether it is feasible to divert traffic from the proposed to the existing crossing.

Section 8 – Sight Distance

1. Complete the following table, describing the sight distance for motorists when approaching the tracks from either direction.

a. Approaching the crossing from North, the current approach provides an unobstructed view as follows: (North, South, East, West)

Direction of sight (left or right)	Number of feet from proposed crossing	Provides an unobstructed view for how many feet
Right	300	
Right	200	
Right	100	<u>un-</u>
Right	50	<u>obstructed</u>
Right	25	
Left	300	
Left	200	
Left	100	
Left	50	
Left	25	

b. Approaching the crossing from South, the current approach provides an unobstructed view as follows: (Opposite direction-North, South, East, West)

Direction of sight (left or right)	Number of feet from proposed crossing	Provides an unobstructed view for how many feet
Right	300	
Right	200	
Right	100	<u>un-</u>
Right	50	<u>obstructed</u>
Right	25	
Left	300	
Left	200	
Left	100	
Left	50	
Left	25	

2. Will the new crossing provide a level approach measuring 25 feet from the center of the railway on both approaches to the crossing?

Yes No

3. If not, state in feet the length of level grade from the center of the railway on both approaches to the crossing. _____

4. Will the new crossing provide an approach grade of not more than five percent prior to the level grade?

Yes No

5. If not, state the percentage of grade prior to the level grade and explain why the grade exceeds five percent.

-1/2% grade - slight slope
to west

Section 9 – Illustration of Proposed Crossing Configuration

Attach a detailed diagram, drawing, map or other illustration showing the following:

- ◆ The vicinity of the proposed crossing.
- ◆ Layout of the railway and highway 500 feet adjacent to the crossing in all directions.
- ◆ Percent of grade.
- ◆ Obstructions of view as described in Section 7 or identified in Section 8.
- ◆ Traffic control layout showing the location of the existing and proposed signage.

Section 10 – Proposed Warning Signals or Devices

1. Explain in detail the number and type of automatic signals or other warning devices planned at the proposed crossing, including a cost estimate for each.

NO Automatic signals - road signage

2. Provide an estimate for maintaining the signals for 12 months. City maintains

3. Is the petitioner prepared to pay to the respondent railroad company its share of installing the warning devices as provided by law?

Yes No

Section 11 – Additional Information

Provide any additional information supporting the proposal, including information such as the public benefits that would be derived from constructing a new crossing as proposed.

Section 12 – Waiver of Hearing by Respondent


Waiver of Hearing

The undersigned represents the Respondent in the petition to construct or reconstruct a highway-railroad grade crossing.

We have investigated the conditions at the proposed or existing crossing site. We are satisfied the conditions are the same as described by the Petitioner in this docket. We agree that a crossing be installed or reconstructed and consent to a decision by the commission without a hearing.

Dated at Woodland, Washington, on the 22nd day of July, 2009.

Eric L. Rainford - Port of Woodland
Printed name of Respondent


Signature of Respondent's Representative

Executive Director
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