



WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

)	DOCKET NO. TR-091937
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City of Tumwater)	PETITION FOR INSTALLATION OF
_____)	R15-3 EXEMPT SIGNS AT A
Petitioner,)	HIGHWAY-RAIL GRADE
)	CROSSING
vs.)	
BNSF Railway Co., Tacoma Rail lease line)	
_____)	
Respondent)	USDOT CROSSING # 085277G
)	
.....)	UTC CROSSING # 20M 14.70.
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The Petitioner asks the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to approve installation of an R15-3 'Exempt' sign at a highway-rail grade crossing.

Section 1 - Petitioner's Information

City of Tumwater	
Petitioner	
555 Israel Road SW	
Street Address	
Tumwater, WA 98501	
City, State and Zip Code	
Same	
Mailing Address, if different than the street address	
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Contact Person Name	
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Contact Phone Number and E-mail Address	

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Section 2 – Respondent's Information

Tacoma Rail Respondent
2601 SR 509 North Frontage Road Street Address
Tacoma, WA 98421 City, State and Zip Code
Same Mailing Address, if different than the street address
Alan Matheson Contact Person Name
253-502-8934 alan.matheson@ci.tacoma.wa.us Contact Phone Number and E-mail Address

Section 3 – Crossing Location

1. Name of highway/roadway <u>66th Avenue SW</u>
2. Name of railroad <u>BNSF Railway Company – Leases line to Tacoma Rail</u>
3. USDOT Crossing No. <u>085277G</u> UTC Crossing No. <u>20m 14.70</u>
4. Located in the ___ 1/4 of the ___ 1/4 of Sec. <u>05</u> , Twp. <u>17</u> , Range <u>02w</u> W.M.
5. GPS location, if known <u>46.59338 -122.57739</u>
6. Railroad mile post (nearest tenth) <u>14.70</u>
7. City <u>Tumwater</u> County <u>Thurston</u>

Section 4 – Current Crossing Traffic

1. Type of public road at the crossing State County City
 Port State Park Other _____

2. Average daily vehicle traffic over the tracks 3356 Vehicle speed limit 35

3. Trucks (commercial vehicles) are what percent of average daily traffic 5

4. Number of school buses over the crossing each day 78

5. Name of railroad(s) operating at crossing Tacoma Rail

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

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

8. Number of tracks at crossing 1

9. Average daily train traffic, freight 0
Authorized freight train speed _____ Operated freight train speed 10

10. Average daily train traffic, passenger 0
Authorized passenger train speed _____ Operated passenger train speed 0

Section 5 – Justification

1. Describe in detail why this crossing should have R15-3 Exempt signs installed.

This north/south railroad line, managed by Tacoma Rail, crosses 66th Avenue in an area of residential development near Tumwater School District's Black Lake Elementary School.

The rail line south of 66th Avenue has been abandoned for multiple years and is now owned by Thurston County. The nearest industrial/commercial property north of this street crossing is 0.37 miles (about 1,900 ft) and is the last user of railroad service on this line.

The Tumwater School District buses which serve this area are required to stop each time they pass through this intersection.

This request for exemption signing (R15-3) would allow buses and other for-hire vehicles to eliminate stopping at this crossing. Since this crossing is no longer used by rail service, this seems like a natural step to increase efficiency without any adverse effect on safety.

Tacoma Rail has agreed to install a derauling device in advance of 66th Avenue to ensure no possibility of railroad vehicles rolling out from rail served industries in the area.

Section 6 – Waiver of Hearing by Respondent

Waiver of Hearing

The undersigned represents the Respondent in the petition to install R15-3 Exempt signs at the following crossing.

USDOT Crossing No. 085277G UTC Crossing No. 20m 14.7

We have investigated the conditions at the crossing. We are satisfied the conditions are the same as described by the Petitioner in this docket. We agree installation of R15-3 Exempt signs should be made and consent to a decision by the commission without a hearing.

Dated at _____, Washington, on the _____ day of _____, 20__.

Printed name of Respondent

Signature of Respondent's representative

Title

Phone number and e-mail address

Mailing address