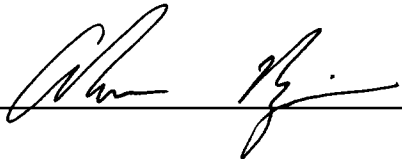


WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

)	DOCKET NO. TR- 132278-P
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<u>Washington State Dept. of Transportation</u>)	PETITION TO MODIFY HIGHWAY-
Petitioner,)	RAIL GRADE CROSSING ACTIVE
)	WARNING DEVICES
vs.)	
)	
<u>Yakima County</u>)	USDOT # 099199T
Respondent)	
.....)	

The Petitioner asks the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to approve modification of highway-rail grade crossing warning signals.

Section 1 – Petitioner’s Information

Washington State Department of Transportation	
Petitioner	
Signature	
310 Maple Park Avenue SE, 2B, Street Address	
Olympia, WA 98504 City, State and Zip Code	
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Section 2 – Respondent's Information

<u>Yakima County</u> Respondent
<u>128 N. 2nd Street, 4th Floor Courthouse</u> Street Address
<u>Yakima, Washington 98901</u> City, State and Zip Code
 Mailing Address, if different than the street address
<u>Gary Ekstedt</u> Contact Person Name
<u>509-574-2300 gary.ekstedt@co.yakima.wa.us</u> Contact Phone Number and E-mail Address

Section 3 – Crossing Location

1. Existing highway/roadway <u>SR-97</u>
2. Existing railroad <u>Yakima County – Operated by Yakima Central Railway</u>
3. USDOT Crossing No. <u>099199T</u>
4. Located in the ___ 1/4 of the ___ 1/4 of Sec. ___ , Twp. ___, Range _____ W.M.
5. GPS location, if known _____
6. Railroad mile post (nearest tenth) <u>1.42</u>
7. City _____ County <u>Yakima</u>

Section 4 – Current Highway Traffic Information

1. Name of highway SR-97
2. Road authority WSDOT
3. Average annual daily traffic (AADT) 11,845
4. Number of lanes Each direction – 2 x 12 foot thru lanes and 20 foot L/T lane thru lanes
5. Roadway speed 55 mph
6. Is the crossing part of an established truck route? Yes No
7. If so, trucks are what percent of total daily traffic? 14.7%
8. Is the crossing part of an established school bus route? Yes No
9. If so, how many school buses travel over the crossing each day? 6
10. Describe any changes to the information in 1 through 7, above, expected within ten years:
None expected.

Section 5 – Current Crossing Information

1. Railroad company Yakima County – Operated by Yakima Central Railway

2. Type of railroad at crossing Common Carrier 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 1

 Authorized freight train speed 25 Operated freight train speed 10

6. Average daily train traffic, passenger NA

 Authorized passenger train speed Operated passenger train speed

7. Describe any changes to the information in 1 through 4, above, expected within ten years:
The Yakama Nation expects to have an increase in train service for lumber and Electrical Generation

8. What is the available sight distance from the stop bar (or 25 feet from the tracks if no stop bar) on both approaches to the crossing?

unlimited

9. If the sight distance is less than 400 feet, describe the structures, roadway or track curvature, visual obstacles or other characteristics that limit sight distance.

N/A

Section 5 – Current Warning Devices

1. Provide a complete description of the warning devices currently located at the crossing, including signs, gates, lights, train detection circuitry and any other warning devices.

Cantilever-mounted flashing lights, activated by AC/DC train detection circuits; and Active advance warning for both approaches

Section 8 – Waiver of Hearing by Respondent

Waiver of Hearing

The undersigned represents the Respondent in the petition to modify a highway-rail grade crossing warning signals at the following crossing.

USDOT Crossing No. 099199T

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 the warning signals should be installed and consent to a decision by the commission without a hearing.

Dated at Yakima, Washington, on the 26th day of November, 20 13.

Gary N Ekstedt
Printed name of Respondent

[Signature]
Signature of Respondent's Representative

County Engineer
Title

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Phone number and e-mail address

128 N 2nd St.
4th Floor
Mailing address
Yakima, WA 98901

Section 6 – Description of Proposed Changes

1. Describe in detail the proposed changes to the crossing. Include the funding source for the proposed installation, if applicable.

Upgrade the track circuitry from AC/DC to constant warning, and replace all incandescent flashers with LEDs, including the railroad flashers and active advance warning beacons.

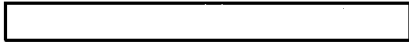
Improvements to be funded under Federal Section 130 Program

Section 7 – Illustration of Proposed Warning Devices

Attach a detailed diagram, drawing, map or other illustration showing the proposed warning devices.

UTC Petition Attachment

YAKIMA COUNTY and WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



US 97, Milepost 65.1, Branch Road Railway Crossing





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December 12, 2013

Kathy Hunter, Transportation Safety Compliance Manager
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Subject: Petition for Upgrade to Crossing Warning System – SR 97 Yakima County

Dear Ms. Hunter:

Enclosed is a petition by the Washington State Department of Transportation to upgrade the railroad warning system at the SR-97 railroad grade crossing in Yakima County. We request that you proceed with processing this petition and initiating your investigation as soon as possible.

Yakima County has signed the waiver of hearing for this proposal, which is consistent with the Section 130 Diagnostic Team recommendation for this location.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ahmer Nizam', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ahmer Nizam
Manager – Utilities/Railroad/Agreements