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**GRADE CROSSING PROTECTIVE FUND  
2013 – 2015 GRANT APPLICATION  
IMPROVEMENTS AT PUBLIC PASSIVE RAILROAD CROSSINGS**

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission), through its Grade Crossing Protective Fund (GCPF), provides grants for projects that eliminate or mitigate public safety hazards at railroad crossings and along railroad rights-of-way in Washington State. As part of this emphasis the Commission is also committed to improving safety at public, passively-protected railroad crossings in Washington. GCPF funds may be used for purchasing stop signs<sup>1</sup>, yield signs, retro-reflective tape, posts (if required), retro-reflective cross buck signs, and emergency notification signs to a maximum of \$250 for each crossing. Under this program, GCPF funds may not be used for labor costs. All installations must be MUTCD compliant.

**To apply for a grant to improve safety at a passive railroad crossing, complete the following information and submit it and attachments to the Commission.**

**Applicant Information**

Applicant Name: Chuck Getchell  
Signature: *Chuck Getchell*  
Organization: Simpson Lumber  
Address: 100 N. Front St. Shelton WA. 98584  
Phone: 360-490-8069  
Email: chuck.getchell@simpson.com  
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**Project Information**

Attach additional sheets as necessary that provide the following:

1. A list of all other companies, organizations, state agencies or local governments that may be involved in implementing this proposal and the contact name, address and phone number or e-mail address for each (if known).

<sup>1</sup> Replacement signs only. Proposals to install a stop sign at a crossing not currently stop-controlled requires an on-site diagnostic with Commission staff and a Commission order authorizing the installation.

## GCPF Application Form – Stop/Yield Signs at Crossings

Simpson Lumber

2. A list of each railroad crossing, by USDOT number, street name, and county, where the applicant plans to improve safety. Indicate which type of warning sign or other measure will be installed.  
856810H  
Hanks Lake Rd.  
Mason County  
2 signs - W10-1
3. A cost estimate, including:
  - a. An itemized list of the total costs of the project. Installation cost, post are in place, just need to bolt the sign to the post. \$60.00
  - b. Names of parties contributing to the project, including the applicant, and the amount each is contributing. Simpson Lumber \$60.00
4. An estimated timeline of the project. 30 days from receiving the signs.
5. Any other information the applicant believes would be useful to the Commission in considering the project.

### **Railroad Commitment**

If the applicant does not own the railroad crossing, the applicant must submit the attached Railroad Commitment form completed by the railroad owning the crossing.

### **Submitting the Application**

After completing the application, please send the original to:

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
Attention: Grade Crossing Protective Fund  
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW  
PO Box 47250  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

A signed application may be filed electronically at [records@utc.wa.gov](mailto:records@utc.wa.gov). When filing electronically, please specify “Grade Crossing Protective Fund” in the subject line.

### **Assistance**

For questions or assistance, please contact:

- Kathy Hunter at (360)664-1257 or by email at [khunter@utc.wa.gov](mailto:khunter@utc.wa.gov)
- David Pratt at (360)664-1100 or by email at [dpratt@utc.wa.gov](mailto:dpratt@utc.wa.gov)

**Railroad Commitment**

The undersigned represents the Railroad Company in the accompanying GCPF grant application for funding to install a stop sign or yield sign, retro-reflective tape or retro-reflective cross buck signs, posts or emergency notification signs at the named railroad crossings. We have reviewed the application and agree to allow installation of the proposed safety devices as described in the application.

Jim Barnett

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Printed name of Railroad Representative

*Jim Barnett*

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Signature of Railroad Representative

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Mill Manager

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