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Subject: Petitions for Railroad Warning Signal Modification at SR 507 (Tower and Pearl Streets) – Centralia, Washington

Dear Ms. Hunter:

The Washington State Department of Transportation is filing the attached petitions to modify the railroad grade crossing warning signals at two locations along SR 507 in Centralia, Washington. This proposal is pursuant to the federal Section 130 diagnostic recommendations for these locations that UTC also participated in.

The Puget Sound and Pacific Railroad Company has signed the necessary waivers of hearing for these petitions. Please contact me at (360) 705-7271 with any questions, or if you need additional information or documentation.

Sincerely,

Ahmer Nizam
Manager – Utilities/Railroad/Agreements

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Washington State Dept. of Transportation)	DOCKET NO. TR-144114 - P
Petitioner,)	
vs.)	PETITION TO MODIFY HIGHWAY-RAIL GRADE CROSSING ACTIVE WARNING DEVICES
Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad)	
Respondent)	USDOT #092547V
.....)	

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

Section 1 – Petitioner’s Information

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Petitioner
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Section 2 – Respondent's Information

<u>Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad</u> Respondent
<u>1710 Midway Court</u> Street Address
<u>Centralia, WA 98531</u> City, State and Zip Code
 Mailing Address, if different than the street address
<u>CARRY SORENSON</u> Contact Person Name
<u>904-382-7832 CARRY.SORENSEN@GUPRR.COM</u> Contact Phone Number and E-mail Address

Section 3 – Crossing Location

1. Existing highway/roadway <u>SR-507 (Pearl Street)</u>
2. Existing railroad <u>PSAP</u>
3. USDOT Crossing No. <u>092547V</u>
4. Located in the <u>NE</u> 1/4 of the <u>SE</u> 1/4 of Sec. <u>5</u> , Twp. <u>14N</u> , Range <u>2W</u> <u>W.M.</u>
5. GPS location, if known _____
6. Railroad mile post (nearest tenth) <u>.89</u>
7. City: <u>Centralia</u> County: <u>Lewis</u>

Section 4 – Current Highway Traffic Information

1. Name of highway SR 507 (Pearl Street)

2. Road authority WSDOT

3. Average annual daily traffic (AADT) 5700

4. Number of lanes: 2 lanes one way SB

5. Roadway speed 30 MPH

6. Is the crossing part of an established truck route? Yes No

7. If so, trucks are what percent of total daily traffic? 4%

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? 10

10. Describe any changes to the information in 1 through 7, above, expected within ten years:
N/A

Section 5 – Current Crossing Information

1. Railroad company PSAP

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 6
Authorized freight train speed 10 Operated freight train speed 10

6. Average daily train traffic, passenger NA

7. Describe any changes to the information in 1 through 4, above, expected within ten years:

Train traffic projected to increase to 10, including unit trains

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?

From Stop Bar, sight distance limited to approximately 100' each direction

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.

Buildings are located in each northern quadrant approximately 20' from the nearest rail.

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.

Two (double indication) opposing cantilever signals with one set of overhead flashers on each structure, and one set of flashers on each mast.

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.

Replace cantilevers with two sets (double indication) of shoulder-mounted signals with gates,

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.

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.

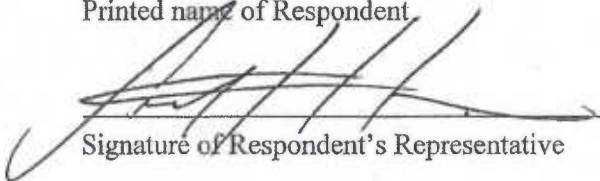
USDOT Crossing No.

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 Centralia, Washington, on the 12 day of
December, 20 14.

LARRY SORENSEN

Printed name of Respondent


Signature of Respondent's Representative

Assistant General Manager

Title

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