

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Washington State Dept. of Transportation)	DOCKET NO. TR- 152115-P
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Petitioner,)	PETITION TO MODIFY HIGHWAY-
)	RAIL GRADE CROSSING ACTIVE
vs.)	WARNING DEVICES
BNSF)	
_____)	
Respondent)	USDOT # 085214C
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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	
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Section 2 – Respondent's Information

<u>BNSF Railway Company</u> Respondent
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<u>Richard Wagner</u> Contact Person Name
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Section 3 – Crossing Location

1. Existing highway/roadway	<u>State Route 97 at milepost 135.35 (Faust)</u>		
2. Existing railroad	<u>BNSF</u>		
3. USDOT Crossing No.	<u>085214C</u>		
4. Located in the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 22, Twp. 20N, Range 20E W.M.			
5. GPS location, if known	<u>47.02155 -120.59259</u>		
6. Railroad mile post (nearest tenth)	<u>2.6</u>		
7. City	<u>Ellensburg</u>	County	<u>Kittitas</u>

Section 4 – Current Highway Traffic Information

1. Name of highway State Route 97 at milepost 135.35 (Faust)

2. Road authority Washington State Department of Transportation

3. Average annual daily traffic (AADT) 2,500

4. Number of lanes One in each direction

5. Roadway speed 40 mph

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

7. If so, trucks are what percent of total daily traffic? 30%

8. Is the crossing part of an established school bus route? Yes X No _____

9. If so, how many school buses travel over the crossing each day? 1

10. Describe any changes to the information in 1 through 7, above, expected within ten years:
No anticipated changes

Section 5 – Current 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 12
Authorized freight train speed 59 mph Operated freight train speed 59 mph

6. Average daily train traffic, passenger 0
Authorized passenger train speed N/A Operated passenger train speed N/A

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

Mainline – length of trains is anticipated to increase with “empties” being the majority

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?

Unobstructed in increasing MP direction. Unobstructed in decreasing MP 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.

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.

Overhead and shoulder mounted flashing lights with gates.

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.

Install highway illumination to improve visibility due to night time train traffic, upgrade all railroad signals to LED.

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

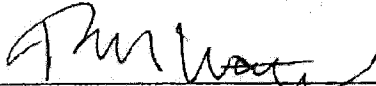
The undersigned represents the Respondent in the petition to modify a highway-rail grade crossing warning signals at the following crossing.

USDOT Crossing No. 085214C

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 BINGEN, Washington, on the 6th day of
NOVEMBER, 2015.

Richard Wagner
Printed name of Respondent


Signature of Respondent's Representative

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