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State of Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
Attn: Kathy Hunter, Rail Safety Manager
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Re: Request for Waiver from certain provisions of WAC 480-62-270

To Whom It May Concern:

Tacoma Rail respectfully requests Commission consideration of a rule waiver as allowed by Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-62-140, specifically from certain signage requirements at private road - railroad grade crossings prescribed in WAC 480-62-270 items (2)(a) and (2)(c).

As the Commission is aware, WAC 480-62-270 (2)(a) requires installation of a thirty-inch or larger R1-1 stop sign, and (2)(c) requires a rectangular sign, at least three hundred square inches in size, with the legend "Private Crossing" and the crossbuck symbol at private crossings through which any amount of crude oil is transported.

In an effort to achieve compliance with the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) Emergency Notification Systems (ENS) regulation, Tacoma Rail engaged in an effort to install standardized signage which includes crossbuck assemblies with yield signs (R1-2), reflective strips and ENS signs, consistent with current Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) standards on all of the passive grade crossings both public and private throughout our maintenance territories.

Tacoma Rail seeks the UTC's consideration to allow us to keep in place the existing signage installed at private crossings over which crude oil is transported, rather than requiring Tacoma Rail to change the signs at those particular private crossings to include a stop sign and a rectangular sign as outlined in sections (2)(a) and (2)(c) of WAC 480-62-270.

Sincerely,


Kyle Kellem
Roadmaster
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Cc: Dale King, Tacoma Rail Superintendent/COO
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TMBL Tideland Crossing Numbers		TRMW Crossing Numbers	
Crossing Numbers	Street/Crossing	Crossing Numbers	Street/Crossing
932766F	TMBL Yard	932816G	Private access road
396628M	Lincoln Ave (west) UP's; at grade x-ing	396685B	Private farm xing. off Brookdale Rd E
852641J	Lincoln Ave (east) at grade x-ing	922995X	Private (Harris Rebar access rd)
852617H	Private (Olin Chlor/TC Prod entrances)	396692L	Private (old farm crossing)
932768U	Private (Bay Eng & Sunbelt entrance)	396700B	Private (US Army)
932769B	Private (Meyer Roofing & Sunbelt entrances)	396701H	Private (US Army)
932777T	US Oil 2 (Tracks crossing Lincon Ave)	396702P	Private (US Army)
852593W	Private (Jones Stevedoring entrance)	396704D	Private (US Army)
852592P	Private (Carpinito Bros entrance)	396705K	Private (US Army)
932772J	Private (Hole in the Wall & Lianga Pacific)	396706S	Private (US Army)
932773R	Private (JMK Fiber entrance)	396707Y	Private driveway (off SR 507)
932774X	Private (Quikrete entrance)	396714J	Private driveway (sand pit)
932767M	Private (Concrete Tech)	396717E	Private (farm crossing)
932778A	Private (AWC storage, POT Rd /Hyundai 6 trks)	396720M	Private driveway
932779G	Private (# for all of Blair/HIM/WUT yard)	396723H	Access rd, City of Centralia water canal
932780B	Port of Tacoma Rd (RR under AWC bridge)	396725W	Private (farm crossing)
917954H	Marshall Ave/E 4th St (PCT truck/strad x-ing)	396727K	Private (farm crossing)
932786S	East Blair EB-1 x-ings	932825F	Private (access road between Randles & Boeing)
852632K	Private (old Weyerhaeuser chip plant)	397140A	Private (driveway off 229th St E)
867835J	Private (x-ing into EQC closest to chip plant)	397144C	Private driveway (off of 241st St Ct E)
867836R	Private (middle x-ing into EQC)	397146R	Private (driveway off O/K Hwy E)
867837X	Private (x-ing into EQC Alex/Linc Ave)		
932782P	Private (Pacific Paper entrance 2 x-ings)		
932784D	1240 Alexander Ave E (Georgia Pacific Gypsum)		
922997L	Private (into Graymont , 5 x-ings)		
932770V	Private (into Orion Group, 2 x-ings)		
852622E	Private (TOTE x-ings, 5)		
932787Y	Private (Glacier Packaging, 2 x-ings)		
932789M	Private (old Safeway Warehouse Linc/Taylor)		
932790G	Private (Superlon, curve and industry track)		
932792V	Private (east side Taylor, truck container business)		
932793C	Private (Steam Plant, 1 x-ings) 2 removed		
932794J	Private (McMPip, 2 x-ings)		
932795R	Private (Sound Refining, 2 x-ings)		
932796X	Private (Norlund Boat)		
932797E	Private (TriPak 793-794, 2 x-ings)		
867872L	Private (Buffelen)		
922976T	Private (Carlille Transportation, 3 x-ings)		
922977A	Private (Arkema/Rabanco, 4 x-ings)		
922978G	Private (Petroleum Reclaiming, 2 x-ings)		
932799T	Private (lot between Petro Reclaim/Log Yd, 3 x-ings)		
932800K	Private (old Weyerhaeuser log yard, 3 x-ings)		
932801S	Private (Tucci asphalt plant, 1 x-ing)		
932802Y	Private (Cal-Portland redi-mix plant, 1 x-ing)		
932803F	Private (BigFoot Lumber, 2 x-ings)		