WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

City of Bingen Petitioner, vs. BNSF Railway Company Respondent	DOCKET NO. TR- PETITION TO MODIFY HIGHWAY-RAIL GRADE CROSSING ACTIVE WARNING DEVICES AND REQUESTING DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FROM THE GRADE CROSSING PROTECTIVE FUND USDOT CROSSING NO.: 090168N

The Petitioner asks the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to approve the modification of highway-rail grade crossing warning signals and disbursing funds from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund.

Section 1 - Petitioner's Information

City of Bingen
Petitioner

Signature

112 N. Ash St.
Street Address

Bingen, WA 98605
City, State and Zip Code

PO Box 607
Mailing Address, if different than the street address

Mayor Betty Barnes
Contact Person Name

(509) 493-2122, mayor@bingenwashington.org
Contact Phone Number and Email Address

Section 2 - Respondent's Information

BNSF Railway Company
Respondent

2454 Occidental Ave. S., Suite 2D
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Seattle, WA 98134
City, State and Zip Code

Mailing Address, if different than the street address

Stephen Semenick
Contact Person Name

206-625-6152, Stephen.Semenick@BNSF.com
Contact Phone Number and Email Address

Section 3 - Crossing Location

1. Existing highway/roadway Walnut Street

2. Existing railroad BNSF Railway Company

3. USDOT Crossing No. 090168N

4. GPS location 45.7155000, -121.4701500

5. Railroad mile post (nearest tenth) 75.5

6. City Bingen County Klickitat

Section 4 - *Current Highway Traffic Information*

1. Name of highway Walnut Street

2. Road authority City of Bingen

3. Average annual daily traffic (AADT) 850

4. Number of lanes 2

5. Roadway speed 25

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

7. If so, trucks are what percent of total daily traffic? 12

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

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

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

Section 5 - Current Crossing Information

1. Railroad company BNSF Railway Company

2. Type of railroad at crossing X Common Carrier ô Logging ô Industrial

X Passenger ô Excursion

3. Type of tracks at crossing X Main Line X Siding or Spur

4. Number of tracks at crossing 3

5. Average daily train traffic, freight 30

Authorized freight train speed 45 Operated freight train speed 45

6. Average daily train traffic, passenger 2

Authorized passenger train speed 45 Operated passenger train speed 45

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

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?

About 1500 ft. from the north approach in both directions from the stop bar. From the south Approach, 1500 feet looking eastward but 30 feet looking westward.

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.

Sight distance is obstructed by a building located to the west of the crossing. Other objects that obstruct view include rail cars staged on tracks near the crossing.

Section 6 - 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.

Shoulder-mounted LED flashing lights, crossbucks, emergency notification system signs, *Do Not Stop on Tracks* signs, *Multiple Tracks* signs, *Stop Here When Flashing* signs, advance warning sign.

Section 7 - Description of Proposed Changes

1. Describe in detail the number and type of proposed automatic signals, gates or other warning devices, including proposed circuitry.

Installation of constant warning train detection circuitry, crossing gates, new bungalow, batteries, chargers

Section 8 - *Illustration of Proposed Warning Devices*

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

Section 9 - *Project Cost Information*

1.Breakdown of estimated total cost.

$449,084 (See BNSF estimate, attached.)

2. Names of the parties contributing to the project and the amount each is contributing.

Transportation budget funding - WSDOT - $430,000

3. Provide the amount the applicant is requesting from the GCPF grant program.

$19,084

Section 10 - **Project Completion Date**

Project completion date: Spring 2019

Section 11 - *Waiver of Hearing by Respondent*

Waiver of Hearing

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

USDOT Crossing No. 090168N

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 modified and consent to a decision by the commission without a hearing.

Dated at Seattle, Washington, on the 10th day of August, 20 18.

Stephen Semenick
Printed name of Respondent

Signature of Respondent's Representative

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Title

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