



WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

Petitioner,

vs.

Respondent.

DOCKET NO. TR-

PETITION TO INSTALL EXEMPT
SIGNS (R15-3 P) AT A HIGHWAY-
RAIL GRADE CROSSING

USDOT CROSSING NO.

By filing this petition with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC), the Petitioner alleges that public safety requires the installation of “Exempt” signs (R15-3P) at a highway-rail grade crossing under [RCW 81.53.060](#). The UTC has regulatory authority to approve the installation of exempt signs at crossings on industrial or spur lines outside the limits of first-class cities.

Section 1 – Petitioner’s Information

Petitioner

Signature

Mailing Address

City, State and Zip Code

Contact Person Name

Contact Phone Number and Email

Section 2 – Respondent's Information

Respondent

Street Address

City, State and Zip Code

Mailing Address, if different than the street address

Contact Person Name

Contact Phone Number and Email

Section 3 – Crossing Location

1. Existing highway/roadway

2. Existing railroad

3. GPS location

4. Railroad mile post (nearest tenth)

5. City

County

Section 4 – Railroad Information

1. Railroad company			
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			
5. Average daily train traffic, freight			
Authorized freight train speed		Operated freight train speed	
6. Average daily train traffic, passenger			
Authorized passenger train speed		Operated passenger train speed	

Section 5 – Current Highway Traffic Information

1. Name of roadway/highway		
2. Roadway classification		
3. Road authority		
4. Average annual daily traffic (AADT)		
5. Number of lanes		
6. Roadway speed		
7. Is the crossing part of an established truck route?	Yes	No
8. If so, trucks are what percent of total daily traffic?		
9. Is the crossing part of an established school bus route?	Yes	No
10. If so, how many school buses travel over the crossing each day?		
11. Describe any changes to the information in 1 through 10, above, expected within ten years:		

Section 6 – Description of Public Safety Need

Describe and support the public safety need for the proposed installation of “Exempt” signs.
([RCW 81.53.060](#))

Section 7 – Current Warning Devices

Provide a complete description of the warning devices currently located at the crossing (vehicle and pedestrian), including signs, gates, lights, train detection circuitry, and any other warning devices.

Section 8 – Accident History

How many accidents have occurred at this crossing in the last five years? (Provide accident dates and general information about the accident (e.g., train vs. vehicle, pedestrian, etc.).)

Section 9 – Sight Distance

1. Complete the following table, describing the sight distance for motorists when approaching the tracks from either direction after modification.

a. Approaching the crossing from _____, the current approach provides an unobstructed view as follows: (North, South, East, West)

Direction of sight (left or right)	Number of feet from crossing	Provides an unobstructed view for how many feet
Right	300	
Right	200	
Right	100	
Right	50	
Right	25	
Left	300	
Left	200	
Left	100	
Left	50	
Left	25	

b. Approaching the crossing from _____, the current approach provides an unobstructed view as follows: (Opposite direction-North, South, East, West)

Direction of sight (left or right)	Number of feet from crossing	Provides an unobstructed view for how many feet
Right	300	
Right	200	
Right	100	
Right	50	
Right	25	
Left	300	
Left	200	
Left	100	
Left	50	
Left	25	

Section 10 – Cost Apportionment

If the commission approves the modifications to the crossing requested in this petition, it will apportion costs in accordance with the applicable statutes. ([RCW 81.53.130](#))

In the alternative, if the parties to this petition have reached an agreement related to apportionment of costs, please sign here to confirm:

Petitioner Signature: _____

Respondent Signature: _____

Section 11 – Respondent's Review

The undersigned represents the Respondent in the petition to install Exempt signs at a highway-railroad grade crossing.

USDOT Crossing No.:

We have investigated the conditions at the proposed crossing site. We are satisfied the conditions are the same as described by the Petitioner. We consent to a decision by the commission based on a review of the documents filed in this docket.

Dated at _____, Washington, on the _____ day of _____

Printed name of Respondent

Signature of Respondent's Representative

Title

Name of Company

Phone Number

Email Address

Mailing address

Checklist prior to submitting petition:

- ✓ Ensure all petition fields are completed.
- ✓ Ensure parties sign Section 10 regarding any Cost Apportionment agreement, if applicable.
- ✓ Obtain signature on Respondent's Review (Section 11). If respondent fails to sign this section, advise UTC staff upon submission.
- ✓ Attach copies of:
 - Any other relevant documents to support the petition, including but not limited to support of public need, project documents, etc.

Submitting the petition: To officially file the petition, send the petition form and supporting documents via [EFiling](#).

Questions: For questions, please contact:

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