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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CHELAN COUNTY,)	
)	DOCKET NO. TR-941122
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Petitioner,)	ORDER GRANTING PETITION
)	TO RELOCATE A CROSSING AT
vs.)	EUCLID AVENUE
)	(WUTC 2D 3.60, DOT 65-844S)
BURLINGTON NORTHERN)	
RAILROAD COMPANY,)	AND CLOSE A CROSSING AT
)	EAST PENNEY ROAD
Respondent.)	(WUTC 2D 3.50, DOT 65847M)
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By petition filed with the Commission on August 29, 1994, Chelan County seeks authority relocate the existing Euclid Avenue crossing and CLOSE the crossing at East Penney Road. The existing Euclid Avenue highway-railway crossing at grade is at the intersection of Euclid Avenue and respondent's track, designated as WUTC Grade Crossing No. 2D 3.60 and located in the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 28, Township 23 N., Range 20 E., W.M., near Wenatchee, Washington. The existing Penny Road crossing it at the intersection of Penny Road and the respondent's track, designated as WUTC Grade Crossing No. 2D 3.50 and located in the same quarter-quarter section. Funding is to be pursuant to an agreement between the parties.

Respondent has consented to the entry of an order by the Commission without further notice or hearing.

Euclid Avenue, in the vicinity of the crossing, is a two-lane minor arterial, with a posted vehicle speed limit of 30 mph for cars and trucks. Approximately 1,200 vehicles, including 300 trucks, daily use the crossing. Projected traffic in 10 years is 2,500 vehicles, including 600 trucks. East Penny Road is also a two-lane minor arterial; its projected traffic count is included in that of Euclid Avenue.

Respondent maintains one branch line track at the crossings. Seven freight trains daily use the crossings. Legal or operating maximum train speed at the crossing is 10 mph for freight trains.

Petitioners propose to relocate Euclid Avenue approximately 0.2 mile south of the existing Euclid Avenue crossing and 0.01 mile south of the existing East Penney Road crossing. East Penney Road will then be vacated and the existing crossing

closed. The new crossing will serve the traffic now using both existing crossings, but with a much improved traffic pattern and without inconvenience to users of either existing crossing. The relocation of Euclid Avenue will also improve safety by providing a single, right-angle crossing.

The Commission staff has investigated the petition and has recommended that the petition be approved, subject to specified conditions.

The Commissioners, having reviewed the petition and being fully advised, believe that granting the petition, subject to the conditions set forth below, is in the public interest.

O R D E R

The petition of Chelan County for authority to relocate the Euclid Avenue crossing and close the East Penney Road crossing is granted, subject to the following minimum conditions:

1. The relocated crossing shall be planked or hard-surfaced between the rails for a distance of one foot outside each rail for the full width of the travelled roadway, including the shoulders. The surface of the roadway and the top of the rails shall be the same elevation.

2. A 25-foot level grade in the highway shall be provided on each side of the centerline of the railway at the crossing.

3. The approaches to the level crown of the roadway at the crossing shall be constructed with grades not exceeding 5 percent.

4. Reflectorized advance warning signs shall be installed in the right approach quadrant on each side of the crossing in accordance with installation practices prescribed in the Washington State Manual for Signing and the U.S. Department of Transportation Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

5. Standard reflectorized crossbuck signs shall be installed 15 feet from the outside rail in the right approach quadrant on each side of the crossing.

6. All devices shall be erected in such manner as to provide required clearances for both rail and vehicular traffic.

7. The relocated crossing shall be constructed in accordance with all specifications accompanying the petition filed in this matter.

8. Upon completing the construction herein authorized, petitioner shall report completion to the Commission. Acceptance of the installation is subject to a compliance inspection and report by Commission staff verifying that the installation and operation of the signals are in full compliance with law and regulation and the conditions specified herein.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this *7th* day of March, 1995.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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