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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CITY OF COLLEGE PLACE,)	
)	DOCKET NO. TR-941322
)	
Petitioner,)	ORDER GRANTING PETITION
)	TO INSTALL RAILROAD SIGNALS
vs)	ON WALLULA AVENUE
)	
BLUE MOUNTAIN)	
RAILROAD COMPANY,)	
)	
Respondent.)	WUTC 6J 29.50
.....))	DOT 810-015B

By petition filed with the Commission on October 13, 1994, City of College Place seeks authority for installing railroad warning devices on a railroad crossing. The location is the highway-railway crossing at grade at the intersection of Wallula Avenue and respondent's track, designated as WUTC Grade Crossing No. 6J 29.50 and located in the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 25, Township 7 N., Range 35 E., W.M., in Walla Walla County, Washington. Funding is pursuant to the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) in cooperation with the Washington State Department of Transportation.

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

Wallula Avenue, in the vicinity of the crossing is a four-lane city street, with a posted vehicle speed limit of 25 mph for cars and trucks. Approximately 3,482 vehicles, including 210 trucks and 10 school busses, daily use the crossing. Wallula Avenue intersects West Rose Avenue after crossing the railroad tracks which run parallel with West Rose.

Respondent maintains one main line track at the crossing. Three freight trains per week use the crossing. Legal or operating maximum train speed at the crossing is 25 mph for freight trains.

Existing warning devices at the crossing consist of two railroad crossbucks and one railroad advance warning sign. Petitioners propose upgrading the warning devices by installing shoulder-mounted railroad signals with gates.

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 in the matter, believe that granting the petition, subject to the conditions set forth below, is in the public interest.

O R D E R

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED That the petition of the City of College Place for authority to install railroad signals at the above-described crossing shall be, and the same is hereby, granted; subject to the following minimum conditions:

1. Shoulder-mounted flashing light signals, back-to-back with 12" lenses, both operated by train activated devices, shall be install in the right approach quadrant in each side of the crossing in accordance with the U.S. Department of Transportation Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, Part VIII-"Traffic Control Systems for Railroad-Highway Grade Crossings".
2. Automatic gates shall be installed with each shoulder-mounted railroad signal.
3. Installation shall be performed by the respondent at its cost.
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 crossing and signals shall be reconstructed in accordance with all specifications accompanying the petition filed in this matter.
8. Upon completing the installation 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 instal-

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lation and operation of the signals are in full compliance with law and regulation and the conditions specified herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That in the event federal funds are available and are used to pay all or a portion of the costs of the installation of the proposed signalization, the costs of installation and maintenance thereof shall be subject to the provision of the RCW 81.53.261, .271, .281 and .295, as amended.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 23rd day of August, 1995.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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