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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CITY OF AUBURN,	)	
	)	DOCKET NO. TR-941494
	)	
Petitioner,	)	ORDER GRANTING PETITION
	)	TO INSTALL "EXEMPT" SIGNS
vs.	)	ON "C" STREET SOUTHWEST
	)	RAILROAD CROSSING
BURLINGTON NORTHERN	)	
RAILROAD COMPANY,	)	
	)	WUTC 1ESE 3.30 HB 23.3
Respondent.	)	DOT NONE
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By petition filed with the Commission on November 12, 1994, the City of Auburn seeks authority for the installation of "Exempt" signs on a railroad crossing. The location is the most southerly highway-railway crossing at grade at the intersection of "C" Street S.W., and respondent's track, designated as WUTC Grade Crossing No. 1ESE 3.30 HB 23.3 and located in the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 25, Township 21 N., Range 4 E., W.M., in King County, Washington. Funding is pursuant to an agreement between the parties.

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

"C" Street S.W., in the vicinity of the crossing, is a two-lane arterial, with a posted vehicle speed limit of 45 mph for cars and trucks. Approximately 6,600 vehicles, including 400 trucks and 100 school buses, daily use the crossing.

Respondent maintains one spur track at the crossing. A freight train may use the crossing. Legal or operating maximum train speed at the crossing is 10 mph for freight trains.

Petitioners propose that "Exempt" signs be installed at this 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 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 Auburn for authority to install "Exempt" signs at the above-described crossing shall be, and the same is hereby, granted; subject to the following minimum conditions:

1. 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.

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

3. Exempt signs shall be installed on each approach to 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.

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

5. The respondent shall issue a notice to train crews that they are required to flag the traffic at the crossing ahead of the engine and ahead of a railroad car.

6. The crossing signs shall be installed in accordance with all specification accompanying the petition filed in this matter.

7. 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 installation is in full compliance with law and regulation and the conditions specified herein.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1995.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



SHARON L. NELSON, Chairman



RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner



WILLIAM R. GILLIS, Commissioner