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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

ADAMS COUNTY,)	
)	DOCKET NO. TR-950140
)	
Petitioner,)	ORDER GRANTING PETITION
)	TO CONSTRUCT AND INSTALL
vs.)	RAILROAD SIGNALS WITH GATES
)	ON BOB LEE ROAD
)	
BURLINGTON NORTHERN)	
RAILROAD COMPANY,)	
)	WUTC 1C 47.80
Respondent.)	DOT 89-647W
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By petition filed with the Commission on February 6, 1995, Adams County seeks authority for the construction and installation of the railroad signals on a railroad crossing. The location is the highway-railway crossing at grade at the intersection of Bob Lee Road and respondent's track, designated as WUTC Grade Crossing No. 1C 47.80 and located in Lot 3 of Section 6, Township 20 N., Range 38 E., W.M., in Adams 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.

Bob Lee Road, in the vicinity of the crossing, is a two-lane local access, with a posted vehicle speed limit of 35 mph for cars and trucks. Approximately 50 vehicles daily will use the crossing.

Respondent maintains one main line track at the crossing. Twenty-five freight trains and two passenger trains daily use the crossing. Legal or operating maximum train speed at the crossing is 45 mph for freight and 50 mph for passenger trains. for freight trains.

Petitioners propose constructing the crossing and installing 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 Adams County for authority to construct and install railroad signals at the above-described crossing shall be, and the same is hereby, granted; subject to the following minimum conditions:

1. The constructed 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. 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".
5. Automatic gates shall be installed in the right approach quadrant on each side of the crossing.
6. Installation shall be performed by the respondent at its cost.
7. 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.
8. Standard reflectorized crossbuck signs shall be installed 15 feet from the outside rail in the right approach quadrant on each side of the crossing.
9. All devices shall be erected in such manner as to provide required clearances for both rail and vehicular traffic.
10. The crossing and signals shall be constructed in accordance with all specifications accompanying the petition filed in this matter.

11. 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 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 16th day of August, 1995.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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