

SERVICE DATE

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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the matter of application for)	
CLARK COUNTY,)	CAUSE NO. TR-950497
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,)	
)	ORDER GRANTING
For exemption under the Clearance)	CLEARANCE EXEMPTION
Rules and Regulations Governing)	WITH CONDITIONS
Common Carrier Railroads.)	
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By application filed with the Commission on March 12, 1993, Clark County, Department of Public Works seek exemption from railroad track clearance requirements for falsework necessary for reconstruction of a bridge over Burlington Northern Railroad tracks. The Hazel Dell Avenue overhead bridge (Burnt Bridge Crest Bridge) structure is wood timber support structure with an asphalt road surface. The new bridge will be a precast "deck slab" concrete structure.

The tracks in the area of construction connect Rye with the Burlington Northern main line at Rye Junction. Rye is the site of a Lewis and Clark Railway transfer yard located at Rye. The line between Rye Junction and Rye is owned by the Burlington Northern Railroad but used by the Lewis & Clark Railway.

Clearance over the tracks will be temporarily impaired during construction of the bridge. Vertical clearance will be 18'-0", an impairment of 4'-6" of the 22 foot 6" clearance required by WAC 480-60-040(1). The existing clearance of the bridge is 20'-6". The new bridge will be rebuilt to the existing height of 20'-6", an impairment of 2 feet.

Burlington Northern Railroad Company reviewed the application and approved the temporary impairment to overhead clearance during construction, with the final clearance remaining at 20'-6".

Commission staff has investigated the matter and recommends that the clearance exemption be granted upon the imposition of certain conditions.

The Commission, having reviewed the record and file in this matter and being fully advised in the premises, believes that the application should be granted, upon condition. The Commission therefore enters the following order.

O R D E R

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED That the application of Clark County, Department of Public Works for exemption from clearance provisions of Title 480, Chapter 60 of the Washington Administrative Code for impairments caused by temporary falsework in place during construction of the Hazel Dell Avenue overhead bridge (Burnt Bridge Crest bridge) replacement project, and for continuous impairment of the permanent structure, shall be and the same is hereby granted under the following minimum conditions:

1. Equipment and material used in reconstruction of the bridge shall not be stored or located any closer than 10 feet from the center of track.

2. Burlington Northern Railroad Company will issue by use of a train order or bulletin a notice of the overhead impairment and adjacent construction work at mile post 1.00, and that a train speed restriction of 10 mph shall be in effect during the hours construction is in progress.

3. Two signs measuring not less than 24X48 inches shall be installed on the outside face of the falsework at the center of the overhead span over the tracks and above the restricted overhead clearance line.

4. Said signs shall be installed on each side of the overhead span to protect each direction of train movement on the tracks. The signs shall state "Warning Restricted Overhead Clearance" 18'-0 in black letters not less than 5 inches in height of a white reflectorized background.

5. Final bridge heights shall not be less than 20'-6" from top of center line of track to lowest surface of bridge.

6. Signs in condition four will be changed to 20'-6" and remain on either side of bridge to warn railroad traffic.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 24th day of May, 1995.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Sharon L. Nelson

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