

[Service Date June 18, 2002]

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**NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF COMMISSION BENCH REQUESTS  
(July 3, 2002)**

RE: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Klickitat County and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, Docket No. TR-980897

TO THE PARTIES:

Please prepare and file a written response to the following Bench Requests no later than Wednesday, July 3, 2002. In making this request, the Commission does not intend to imply that it has any current predilection toward a particular disposition. Rather, the Commission seeks to ensure that it is able to consider fully developed options.

**Bench Request No. 1**

Other than a barricade, what other means are available to specify the terminus point of Depot Road between State Route 14 and the tracks that would indicate to the public that access across the tracks is not possible via Depot Road?

**Bench Request No. 2**

What amount of road area is required for 1) a vehicle, and 2) a vehicle towing an 18' boat, to complete a turn around?

**Bench Request No. 3**

If a barricade or some other means to specify the terminus point of Depot Road between State Route 14 and the tracks is located between the severe downgrade of Depot Road approaching the crossing and the tracks, is there sufficient road area for 1) a vehicle, and 2) a vehicle towing an 18' boat, to complete a turn around? If your response is affirmative, state supporting facts.

**Bench Request No. 5**

If your response to Bench Request No. 3 is negative, identify all points of Depot Road between Highway 14 and the severe downgrade where there is sufficient road area for 1) a vehicle, and 2) a vehicle towing an 18' boat, to complete a turn around? State facts that support your response.

**Bench Request No. 5**

State whether Klickitat County has acted, or plans to act, to vacate Depot Road between State Route 14 and the tracks? If your response is affirmative, state what acts have been taken or are planned to be taken.

**Bench Request No. 6**

If your response to Bench Request No. 5 is either affirmative or negative, state whether there are or would be any restrictions for Klickitat County to place a barricade at the junction of Depot Road and State Route 14.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. BERG  
Administrative Law Judge

cc: All parties of record