

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of

CWW LLC,

Petitioner,

Requesting Extension of Time to Complete
Project Funded by the Grade Crossing
Protective Fund

DOCKET TR-210281

DECLARATION OF MICHAEL L.
TURCOTT

USDOT: 808632U

- 1 I, Michael L. Turcott, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington, declare as follows:
- 2 I am over 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States, a resident of the state of Washington, and competent to be a witness.
- 3 I am employed by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) as a Transportation Planning Specialist. I have been employed in this position at Lacey for two years.
- 4 In April 2021, CWW LLC petitioned the Commission for an expenditure from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund (GCPF) to modify a highway-rail grade crossing located at SR-125, identified as USDOT 808632U, in Walla Walla County. The Commission approved the petition with conditions recommended by Commission Staff (Staff). The order specifically conditions reimbursement to CWW from the GCPF on inspection and approval by Staff.
- 5 At the time Staff recommended the conditions, the Commission employed two inspectors certified by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) in the Signal and Train Control discipline. These inspectors inspect and verify all GCPF projects involving changes to a railroad signal system, such as the CWW project in this docket. In mid-October 2021, these FRA-certified inspectors left state employment, leaving Staff without certified staff to complete these inspections.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 23rd day of November 2021.

/s/ Michael L. Turcott
MICHAEL L. TURCOTT