

- 4 Respondent maintains two main tracks through the crossing. Average daily train traffic includes 10 freight trains and 4 passenger trains traveling at a maximum speed of 35 mph.
- 5 Warning devices at the crossing consist of passive devices, including crossbucks and stop signs. Petitioner proposes to upgrade the warning devices at the crossing by installing shoulder-mounted flashing light signals with gates. The upgrades are proposed in the interest of improving safety for roadway users.
- 6 Commission Staff investigated the petition and recommended it be granted, subject to specified conditions.
- 7 This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting on November 15, 2002. The Commissioners have reviewed the petition and have been advised in the matter. They believe that granting the request is in the public interest, and direct the Secretary to issue the order.

ORDER

- 8 THE COMMISSION GRANTS the petition of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company to upgrade warning devices at a highway-rail grade crossing, designated as USDOT 396920W, subject to the following conditions:
- (1) The upgrades must conform to the plans filed in this proceeding.
 - (2) Traffic control devices must comply with applicable standards specified in the U.S. Department of Transportation *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*.
 - (3) Traffic control devices and instrument housing must be installed in such a manner as to provide required clearances for both rail and vehicular traffic.
 - (4) Upon completion of the upgrades authorized herein, petitioner must notify the Commission. Acceptance of the changes is subject to an inspection by Commission Staff, verifying that the

crossing is in full compliance with law, regulation, and the conditions specified herein.

DATED at Olympia, Washington and effective this 15th of November, 2002.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary