

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

CASCADE AND COLUMBIA)	DOCKET NO. TR-021462
RIVER RAILROAD COMPANY)	
)	ORDER GRANTING PETITION
Petitioner,)	TO MODIFY TRAIN DETECTION
)	CIRCUITRY AND AUTHORIZE
v.)	EXPENDITURE FROM GRADE
)	CROSSING PROTECTIVE FUND
CITY OF OKANOGAN)	
)	USDOT: 096287T
Respondent.)	WUTC: 35A 91.60
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On November 6, 2002, the Cascade and Columbia River Railroad Company filed a petition with the Commission, seeking authority to modify train detection circuitry at a highway-rail grade crossing located at the intersection of Oak Street and the petitioner's tracks in Okanogan, Washington. The petitioner further requests the Commission to authorize expenditure from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund to pay for 60 percent of the project cost. The remainder of the cost will be paid pursuant to agreement between the parties.

- 2 Respondent has consented to an entry of an order by the Commission without further notice or hearing.

DISCUSSION

- 3 Railroad warning devices at the Oak Street grade crossing consist of cantilever-mounted flashing light signals that are activated by motion sensor-type train detection circuitry. The petition states that the existing train detection circuitry is obsolete, and that replacing the motion sensor-type equipment with constant

warning equipment will enhance train detection capability and improve the efficiency of the grade crossing warning system.

4 Grade Crossing Protective Fund money is available for use to pay for the crossing upgrades. The total approximate cost of the project is \$2,500, \$ 1,500 of which would be paid from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund. An expenditure of \$1,750 from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund should be approved for unforeseen contingencies.

5 Commission Staff investigated the petition and recommended it be granted, subject to specified conditions.

6 This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting on November 27, 2002. The Commissioners have reviewed the petition and have been advised in the matter. They believe that granting the petition, subject to the conditions set forth below, is in the public interest, and direct the Secretary to issue the order.

ORDER

7 THE COMMISSION GRANTS the petition of the Cascade and Columbia River Railroad Company to modify train detection circuitry at a highway-rail grade crossing located at the intersection of Oak Street and the petitioner's tracks in Okanogan, Washington. Sixty percent of the cost of the installation shall be paid from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund. Approval of the petition is subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Expenditure from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund must not exceed \$1,750.

- (2) Payment shall be made upon presentation of claim for reimbursement for materials and labor.
- (3) Upon completion of the installations authorized herein, petitioner must notify the Commission. Acceptance of the changes is subject to inspection by Commission Staff, verifying that the grade crossing is in full compliance with law, regulation, and the conditions specified in this order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington and effective this 27th day of November, 2002.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Secretary