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**Washington Utilities and
Transportation Commission**

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My name is Earl Linn I'm writing this letter in regards to Docket # TR-032037. I presently own the home at 19 O'Donnell Ave. I would like to relate to you a few questions and concerns I have about the closing of 3rd street rail crossing. If the road is closed it will be a 1/2 mile farther to my home off the Elma-Mcleary road. This means that the Fire Department and medical services will have to come that much farther to get to my home.

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If the road is blocked off in essence it will make O'Donnell Ave. a dead end road. This means the postal service, Garbage, and recycling will have to turn around at the end. Presently the road has no turnaround at the proposed block off point, will this mean they will be using our driveways as a turnaround? If the road is blocked off those in the community of Whites will have to start using the entrance down at the Weyerhaeuser veneer plant. The proposal is that the railroad is putting in a new rail crossing down at the veneer plant, but this does nothing to address the problem of truck traffic at the mill. Everyday there is large trucks both log trucks, chip trucks, and large flatbed trucks that use the road to and from the mill, now we can use 3rd street as an alternative, but with the road blocked off there will be a conflict with the trucks and forklifts that constantly use the road at the mill. And my last concern is with children. Now the school bus can transit O'Donnell Ave. or pick the kids up at 3rd street and Elma-Mcleary, with that option gone with the closing of 3rd street the kids in the community will have to walk past the mill down to the Elma-Mcleary road to catch the school bus. Would you like your children to walk through a busy industrial complex to get to and from the school bus everyday?

I feel with the option to use either O'Donnell Ave. or 3rd street entrance in to the community of Whites well out ways the need to close off a well-used road. At the rail crossing at 3rd street now there are two Stop signs, one on either side of the tracks if people obey the law and stop at the tracks there will never be an accident at the crossing. I hope everyone thinks out all the options before they make any decision on whether 3rd street should be closed.

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