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May 10, 1994

Mr. Stan Strebel
City Manager
5694 Second Avenue
Post Office Box 936
Ferndale, Washington   98248

CERTIFIED MAIL

Dear Mr. Strebel:

Enclosed is a complete copy of Burlington Northern Railroad
Company's petition for closure of the Thornton Drive railroad
crossing.

You are required to respond within twenty days of receipt.  If
you have questions or require additional information, please
contact Gary Harder, Rail Carrier Compliance Specialist, at
(206)753-6434.

Sincerely,


Steve McLellan
Secretary

enc. (petition TR-940330)

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May 3, 1994

The Honorable William A. Harriman
Mayor, City of Ferndale
5694 Second Avenue
Post Office Box 936
Ferndale, Washington   98248

Dear Mayor Harriman:

RE:   Closure of Thornton Drive Railroad, TR-940330

Enclosed is a copy of Burlington Northern Railroad Company's (BN) petition to close Thornton Drive railroad/highway grade crossing within the city of Ferndale.

The petition states the closure request is due to the proposed Amtrak passenger service.  Burlington Northern plans to extend the siding track through Thornton Street so that freight trains can be diverted into the siding track, and Amtrak passenger trains are not delayed.

We are serving this petition on the city of Ferndale in accordance with RCW 81.53.060.  Please file your response to the petition within 20 days as required under the Commission Rules of Practice and Procedures.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact Gary Harder, Rail Carrier Compliance Specialist, at (206) 753-6434.

Sincerely,

Steve McLellan
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cc:  Stan Strebel, City Manager