

BURLINGTON NORTHERN  
RESPONSE TO BENCH REQUEST

DATE PREPARED: July 2, 2002  
CASE NO.: TR-980897  
REQUESTER: Bench

WITNESS: BNSF  
RESPONDER: BNSF  
TELEPHONE:

**BENCH REQUEST NO. 7:**

The Stipulated Statement of Facts, at Paragraph 13, filed on June 4, 2002, refers to records of an October 1999 public meeting in Lyle Washington. Please produce those records.

**RESPONSE:**

Attached are copies of all available records from the October 25, 1999, public meeting in Lyle, Washington. The meeting was an informal gathering by which Commission Staff attempted to gauge the community's feelings towards the proposal to close the Depot Road grade crossing. Mike Rowswell, Penny Hansen, and Ray Gardner were all present and represented Commission Staff. The records consist primarily of handwritten notes and a sign-in sheet provided by Ms. Hansen. Many of the meeting's attendees were present at the formal public meeting held on June 5, 2002.