

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

BENTON COUNTY,

DOCKET TR-100572

Petitioner,

v.

PREPARED TESTIMONY OF ADAM  
FYALL

BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY,

Respondent.

2010 NOV - 1 AM 9:00

**Q. Please state your name and business address.**

A. Adam J. Fyall, 7122 West Okanogan Place, Kennewick, Washington  
99336.

**Q. What is the purpose of your testimony today?**

A. I am testifying to the public need for the proposed railway  
crossing, including the economic development benefits served  
by the extension of Piert Road.

**Q. Where do you work?**

A. For Benton County, in the Commissioners' Office. The primary  
office is in Kennewick, with a secondary office in Prosser.

**Q. What is your current title?**

A. Community Development Coordinator.

**Q. Please describe your work duties.**

1 A. I manage special projects for the County that originate with  
2 the commissioners or County administration. Said projects  
3 mostly pertain to economic development, natural resources, or  
4 Hanford Site issues.  
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6 **Q. Please describe your training and education.**

7 A. B.A. Geography, 1994, Central Washington University; minor:  
8 Economics 16 years with Benton County, five with the Planning  
9 Department, and 10 in the Commissioners' Office.  
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11 **Q. Are you familiar with the proposed railway crossing?**

12 A. Yes, though this has been primarily a Public Works project.

13 **Q. What public benefits would result from the proposed extension  
14 of Piert Road?**

15 A. Aside from the safety and quality of live component of  
16 redirecting truck traffic away from schools and residential  
17 areas, Piert Road represents a major piece of the overall  
18 multi-modal transportation matrix in the Finley area of  
19 eastern Benton County. The low-lying, near-shore areas of  
20 Finley have long been viewed as a potential industrial,  
21 shipping, and manufacturing asset for the region; but  
22 realizing that potential has proven elusive in large part due  
23 to the lack of fluid, efficient overland transportation  
24 options into the area. As a result, recruiting the types of  
25 targeted operations into the appropriately zoned areas has  
26 been difficult.  
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1 A major milestone was reached in just the last few years  
2 with the completion of County Road 397, usually referred to  
3 colloquially as the "Finley Intertie". The Intertie highway,  
4 first envisaged in the 1960s, provides access into and out of  
5 Finley via a southwestern route to Interstate 82. Piert Road,  
6 and improvements to it, now take on greater importance as it  
7 can serve as a primary local access road for industry in south  
8 Finley, and connect into the Intertie.  
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10 **Q. Does that conclude your testimony?**

11 **A. Yes.**  
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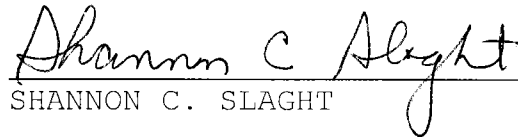
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