

COMMENT FORM FOR: ROSS AND JENNIFER JOHNSON - ID# 3094

Consumer Information	
Confidential Comment	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
	Contact Method <input type="radio"/> Email <input checked="" type="radio"/> Mail <input type="radio"/> None
Name	ROSS AND JENNIFER JOHNSON
Organization Company	
Address	
City, State, Zip Code	
Email	
Primary Phone #	Fax #
Secondary Phone #	

Comment Information	
Theme	Open Date 06/05/2007
Filing Support	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Undecided
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Public Involvement Lead	John Cupp
Duplicate Comment	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Description	<p>Regarding the closing of the railroad crossing at Hickox Road in Skagit County, Washington, we would like to make the following comments:</p> <p>First of all, from the aspect of safety, this is a very big concern for those of us living west of the freeway. The fire department and aid crew that serves this area has direct access to our home across the Hickox Road overpass and the railroad crossing in question. Having to detour this would greatly increase the time it would take to respond to emergencies in our country neighborhoods. Our fire department recently relocated just so that the Hickox Road access would better serve people west of the freeway.</p> <p>Secondly, closing this road with its access to Highway 99 and the easy I-5 southbound on-ramp would be inexcusable as well as costly to those of us affected. Commuters, school buses, farm equipment, to mention a few, use this road on a daily basis and would be hugely inconvenienced. Extra time, mileage, fuel, would be required by many to make up for this closure.</p> <p>The railroad can find another way to sideline cars without closing a busy country road. Perhaps they can have a split at the crossing. It seems</p>

absolutely ridiculous to inconvenience such a large number of people so that railroad cars can sit on a sidetrack. I feel that the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission should be working for the benefit of its State citizens - US - not the private railroad companies. Let them figure out a solution to their problem without closing public roads and causing safety concerns and major inconveniences for hundreds of tax paying citizens.

We strongly oppose any efforts by the commission or the BNSF Railway Company to close Hickox Road for any reason whatsoever.

Attachments

Follow-Up Information		Other Follow-Up Information	
Follow-Up	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Other Follow-Up	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Follow-Up Staff		Other Follow-Up Staff	
Follow-Up Complete	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		

Issue Information	
Issue ID	163
Company	Bnsf Railway Co.
Filing	070696
Staff	Kathy Hunter

Complaint Information	
Unresolved Complaint	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
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Activites For Ross And Jennifer Johnson

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06/13/2007	ID#1320 - 06/13/2007 Action >>> Send Letter
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