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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CITY OF FIFE,

Petitioner,

v.

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD,

Respondent.

DOCKET TR-100098

PREPARED TESTIMONY OF KURT W.
REUTER

Summary of Testimony: I, Kurt W. Reuter will testify as to the acute need for a pedestrian at-grade crossing at 54th Avenue East.

Testimony:

1. Please State your full name and job title.

Kurt W. Reuter, City of Fife Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director.

2. How long have you worked for the City in this capacity?

4 years, 9 months.

3. Please describe your work duties.

I manage the day to day operations of the PRCS Department. This includes 10 full time staff, a Municipal swimming pool, 11,000 sq ft Community Center and a parks system that is over 100 acres in size.

1 4. *Are you familiar with the area around the 54th Avenue UPRR Railroad crossing?*

2 Yes. This crossing is adjacent to Dacca Park, the largest park in our system. Its amenities
3 include four baseball/softball/soccer fields, children's play area, perimeter paved walking paths,
4 tennis courts, sand volleyball court, basketball court, eight lane all weather track, a
5 concession/restroom building and an off-leash dog area. I visit the park regularly in my capacity as
6 parks director.


7 5. *In your opinion, is a pedestrian crossing that that location necessary?*

8 Yes. I have personally witnessed kids and adults climbing over the fence and crawling under
9 it to cross the tracks to access the park and school. I have also seen, on multiple occasions, sections of
10 the fence that were cut to create an opening to allow people to travel back and forth across the tracks
11 between the park/school and the Radiance development. With the school and park on the north, and
12 residential development on the south of the tracks, there is a considerable volume of pedestrian traffic
13 across the tracks. In my opinion, providing a safer and legal crossing at this location is an immediate
14 and acute need.

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17 **Declaration**

18 I, Kurt W. Reuter, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington
19 that the foregoing Testimony of Kurt W. Reuter is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and
20 belief.

21 Dated this 16th day of August, 2010

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23 Kurt W. Reuter