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## WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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February 1, 2011

George Stephenson Mount Vernon Terminal Railway LLC 615 North 16<sup>th</sup> Street Mount Vernon, WA 98273

RE: Grade Crossing Protective Fund Application

Dear Mr. Stephenson:

On December 7, 2010, Mount Vernon Terminal Railway LLC (Mount Vernon Railway) filed a Grade Crossing Protective Fund (GCPF) application with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission). The Commission assigned docket numbers TR-101959 to the application.

Mount Vernon Railway requests \$375,191 in grant funds to install signals at the West Fir Street crossing in Mount Vernon. Currently, the Commission does not have available funding to consider additional GCPF applications. Your GCPF application will be kept on file at the Commission and considered if the Commission's GCPF program receives funding in the 2011-2013 biennium. If no funds are allocated to the Commission for the GCPF program, Commission staff will notify you and the applications closed.

As explained by Kathy Hunter at the on-site meeting on December 21, 2010, the maximum Commission grant award is typically \$20,000 per project. Mount Vernon Terminal Railway will need to seek and secure additional funding to cover the remaining project costs, before the Commission will award a GCPF grant.

If you have any further questions, please contact Kathy Hunter at (360) 664-1257 or at khunter@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

David Pratt

Assistant Director, Transportation Safety