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February 1, 2011

Steve Hefley Puget Sound and Pacific Railroad 411 North 3rd Street Elma, WA 98541

RE: TR-110165 thru TR-110171 - Grade Crossing Protective Fund Applications

Dear Mr. Hefley:

On January 19, 2011, Puget Sound and Pacific Railroad (PSAP) filed seven Grade Crossing Protective Fund (GCPF) applications with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission). The Commission assigned the following docket numbers to these applications.

- TR-110165 South Newell Street, Aberdeen
- Hewitt Road, Grays Harbor County
- TR-110167 Foron Road, Lewis County
- TR-110168 North 2nd Street, Elma
- TR-110169 North 5th Street, Elma
- TR-110170 North 10th Street, Elma
- TR-110171 North 17th Street, Grays Harbor County

PSAP requests \$113,000 in grant funds to contribute toward related crossing closure costs. On the same day that PSAP filed these GCPF applications, you also filed petitions to close these crossings. For several reasons the Commission cannot consider these GCPF applications at this time. First, the Commission must issue a ruling on whether the crossings can be closed or not, before grant funding can be considered. Lastly, the Commission does not have available funding to consider additional GCPF applications at this time.

Your GCPF applications will be kept on file at the Commission and considered if the Commission's GCPF program receives funding in the 2011-2013 biennium and the outcome of

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the petition cases have been decided. If no funds are allocated to the Commission for the GCPF program, Commission staff will notify you and the applications closed.

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