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WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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June 21, 2011

Terrel Anderson, Manager Industry and Public Projects
Union Pacific Railroad
9451 Atkinson Street
Roseville, CA 95747

Sent via E-mail and First Class Mail

RE: TR-111033 - Petition on Behalf of the City of Spokane Valley to Modify the Pines Road/State Route 27 Grade Crossing in Spokane Valley, Washington USDOT #662519S

Dear Mr. Anderson:

On June 6, 2011, the City of Spokane Valley filed a petition with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission), seeking approval to modify the Pines Road/State Route 27 railroad grade crossing. The Commission assigned Docket No. TR-111033 to this petition.

Please review the enclosed petition and respond by July 11, 2011. Your response options include:

- Support the petition – Complete the Respondent's Waiver of Hearing form, which serves as your consent for the Commission to issue an order without further notice or hearing.
- Do not support the petition – Reply with your position and include whether you feel a hearing is necessary to resolve the issues or suggest other courses of action, such as further discussion prior to going to hearing.

You must respond with your position within 20 days of the date of this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Hunter at (360) 664-1257 or khunter@utc.wa.gov.



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Pratt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and "P".

David Pratt
Assistant Director Transportation Safety

Enclosure

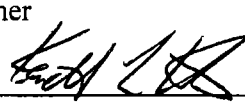
cc: Ken Knutson, City of Spokane Valley (without enclosure)

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City of Spokane Valley)	DOCKET NO. TR- 111033
_____)	
Petitioner,)	PETITION TO MODIFY WARNING
)	DEVICES AND INSTALL
vs.)	SIDEWALKS AND AT A HIGHWAY-
Union Pacific Railroad)	RAIL GRADE CROSSING
_____)	
Respondent)	USDOT CROSSING NO.: 662519S
_____)	
.....)	

The Petitioner asks the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to approve installation of sidewalks and modify warning devices at a highway-rail grade crossing.

Section 1 – Petitioner’s Information

_____	City of Spokane Valley
Petitioner	
_____	
Signature	
_____	11707 E Sprague Ave., Suite 106
Street Address	
_____	Spokane Valley, WA 99206
City, State and Zip Code	
_____	Mailing Address, if different than the street address
_____	Ken Knutson
Contact Person Name	
_____	509-720-5010 / kknutson@spokanevalley.org
Contact Phone Number and E-mail Address	

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Section 2 – Respondent's Information

_____	Union Pacific Railroad
Respondent	
_____	1400 Douglas Street
Street Address	
_____	Omaha, NE 68179
City, State and Zip Code	
_____	9451 Atkinson St., Roseville CA 95747
Mailing Address, if different than the street address	
_____	Terrel Anderson
Contact Person Name	
_____	916-789-5134; taanders@up.com
Contact Phone Number and E-mail Address	

Section 3 – Crossing Location

1. Name of highway/roadway	_____ Pines Rd (SR-27) _____
2. Name of railroad	_____ Union Pacific Railroad _____
3. USDOT Crossing No.	_____ 662519S _____
4. Located in the	_____ NE _____ 1/4 of the _____ SE _____ 1/4 of Sec. _____ 9 _____, Twp. _____ 25N _____, Range _____ 44E _____ W.M.
5. GPS location, if known	_____ 47.675 N, 117.237W _____
6. Railroad mile post (nearest tenth)	_____ 9.0 _____
7. City	_____ Spokane Valley _____ Spokane County _____

Section 4 – Current Crossing Traffic

1. Type of public road at the crossing State County City
 Port State Park Other _____

2. Average daily vehicle traffic over the tracks 18,000 Vehicle speed limit 35 MPH

3. Trucks (commercial vehicles) are what percent of average daily traffic 6%

4. Number of school buses over the crossing each day 10

5. Name of railroad(s) operating at crossing _____
Union Pacific Railroad

6. Type of railroad at crossing Common Carrier Logging Industrial
 Passenger Excursion

7. Type of tracks at crossing Main Line Siding or Spur

8. Number of tracks at crossing 1

9. Average daily train traffic, freight 10
Authorized freight train speed 49 MPH Operated freight train speed 49MPH

10. Average daily train traffic, passenger 0
Authorized passenger train speed N/A Operated passenger train speed N/A

Section 5 – Current Warning Devices

1. Provide a complete description of the warning devices currently located at the crossing, including signs, gates, lights, train detection circuitry and any other warning devices.

The crossing as currently operating has round advance railroad warning signs (MUTCD

sign number W10-1), overhead and side-mounted flashers, bells and side-mounted

crossing gates. The flashers, bells and gates are connected to an intersection traffic signal

approximately 100 feet south of the crossing and use simultaneous preemption.

Section 6 – Justification

1. Provide the following information:

- a. Provide a description of the type of sidewalks proposed
- b. Provide a detailed description of the changes to the warning devices.
- c. Describe who will maintain the sidewalks.
- d. Attach a proposed diagram or design of the crossing including the sidewalks.

a. The current sidewalk on the west side of Pines Road extends to the existing gate and cantilever structure. Following reconfiguration of the gate and cantilever, the sidewalk will be constructed behind the new gate and cantilever locations (away from Pines Rd). The new sidewalk will be 6 feet wide. Only the sidewalk west of Pines will be affected.

b. The cantilever structure and gate on the west side of Pines will be relocated: the gate moved approximately 6 feet north , and the gate moved approximately 6 feet south.

An additional gate will be added to the center median island for southbound Pines Rd. Simultaneous preemption will operate under the new configuration as well.

c. The City of Spokane Valley will maintain the sidewalks.

d. A diagram of the crossing showing proposed sidewalk is attached.

Section 7 – Waiver of Hearing by Respondent

Waiver of Hearing

The undersigned represents the Respondent in the petition to install sidewalks and modify the warning devices at the following crossing.

USDOT Crossing No. 662519S

We have investigated the conditions at the crossing. We are satisfied the conditions are the same as described by the Petitioner in this docket. We agree installation of sidewalks and modification to warning devices should be made and consent to a decision by the commission without a hearing.

Dated at _____, California, on the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Printed name of Respondent

Signature of Respondent's Representative

Title

Phone number and e-mail address

Mailing address

