November 5, 2012

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Sent via Email and First Class Mail

**RE: TR-121746- Petition on Behalf of the Washington Department of Transportation to Modify the SR-271 Highway-Rail Grade Crossing near Oakesdale, Washington**

**US DOT #058905N**

Dear Mr. Nelson:

On October 31, 2012, the Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) filed a petition with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission), seeking approval to modify active warning devices at the SR-271 crossing near Oakesdale. The petitioner seeks to replace existing cantilevers with walk-out type cantilevers using LED flashing lights, replace the existing relay case with a bungalow and install constant warning detection. The petitioner also seeks to replace all underground signal cable. The Commission has assigned Docket TR-121746 to this petition.

Please review the enclosed petition and respond by November 25, 2012. 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.

Sincerely,

David Pratt

Assistant Director Transportation Safety

Enclosure

cc: Bob Westby, WSDOT