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Feb. 4, 2020

Paul Didelius, Owner/President
KET LLC (Kennewick Terminal Railway)
709 N. 10th Ave.
Walla Walla, WA 99362

Sent via email and First Class mail

RE: TR-200074 – Petition on Behalf of the Washington State Department of Transportation to Modify Warning Devices at the SR-397 Highway-Rail Grade Crossing (USDOT 808925X)

Dear Mr. Didelius:

On Feb. 3, 2020, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) filed a petition with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) seeking approval to modify warning devices at the State Route 397 railroad crossing, identified as USDOT 808925X. KET LLC (KET) must respond with its position related to this petition within 20 days of the date of this letter.

Please review the enclosed petition and respond by Feb. 24, 2020. Your response options include:

- **Support the petition** – Complete the Respondent's Waiver of Hearing form, which serves as KET's consent to the UTC to issue an order without further notice or hearing, and submit it to the UTC.
- **Do not support the petition** – Provide a response including KET's reasons for not supporting the petition, whether the company feels a hearing is necessary to resolve the issues, or suggestions for other courses of action, such as further discussion prior to going to hearing.

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Please submit your written response to Betty Young, Rail Safety Program Advisor, at betty.young@utc.wa.gov. If your response is not received by Feb. 24, the UTC will schedule the petition for administrative hearing. If you have questions, Ms. Young can be reached at (360) 664-1202.

Sincerely,



Kathy Hunter
Director of Transportation Safety

Enclosure

cc: Connie Raezer, WSDOT (without enclosures)