

September 27, 2001

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING
(October 10, 2001)**

RE: In the Matter of the Petition of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) to Increase Passenger and Freight Train Speeds on BNSF's Railroad Between the Southern Most Boundary of Seattle's City Limits to the Northern Most Boundary of the City of Tacoma; Docket No. TR-990656

TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD:

On September 20, 2001, the Commission convened a status conference to determine what further process, if any, is appropriate to conclude this proceeding. The City of Puyallup and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF) have reached agreement on whether BNSF can operate its trains at higher speeds within the city limits of Puyallup. The Parties request that the Commission accept their settlement agreement and adopt it as a full and final resolution of the pending proceeding. A comment hearing session has been scheduled to accommodate the public.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the Commission will conduct a public comment hearing in this matter on Wednesday, October 10, 2001, beginning at 11:00 a.m. in Room 206, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, Olympia, Washington.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Secretary