

BN&SF Co vs City of Sprague
Docket # TR -01068

Sept. 29, 2002

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Dear Judge,

STATE OF WASH.
UTIL. AND TRANSP.
COMMISSION

Yesterday, Saturday, Sept. 28, I carried the enclosed petition down both sides of Third Street. Everyone who answered the door signed without hesitation. They are concerned and worried. I took it to church this morning. Again, concerned folks signed willingly. I carried it down Fourth Street today and on part of Second Street until a bad dust storm began blowing dust in my eyes, etc. so I came on home. One man asked if he could help. He has a bad knee but will do the north side of the tracks and the east side of the state road tomorrow morning. I doubt he will find many people at home on a workday, as even on the weekend many were gone. He will find mostly folks who are too old and frail to get out much, and many of them live in poverty (55% in Sprague).

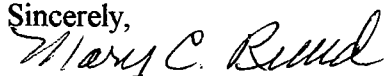
The poor attendance at the last hearing prompted me to do this as I had to be in Spokane that day and missed the long BN&SF day. In the evening there was a potluck open house at the school. It was a huge success, which may have left you with the impression this town is not concerned about the safety of the railroad running through town, the convenience or inconvenience of the crossings and the nagging problem of how we will afford to update needed safety changes if the crossings are changed. We just don't have the tax base to increase expenditures. We also didn't have a newspaper to remind folks of this second meeting and the farmers were/are still seeding.

I was interested in getting a signature from every contacted home. I only ask for a single signature, though some folks both asked to sign. While we didn't do the entire town, it is fair to say that the rest of the town will not be any different, as it is pretty much a unanimous concern that we not be left in an unaffordable, unsafe situation.

Friday evening I was returning home from visiting an Alzheimer victim on the north side of town. I had to wait on B Street for an east bound train. It stopped one car short of crossing the intersection. I waited, finally ended up backing up and going west two blocks to get across the tracks on D Street. The B Street crossing lights were still on as I drove out of sight. We willingly accommodate the railroad, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This must be a two way proposition.

Please pay close attention to the information presented by our mayor, maintenance man and councilman as the points they made are valid and must be addressed fairly.

Sincerely,



Mary C. Ruud
Box 311, 503 Third Street
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Petition Re: Sprague RR Crossings

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1. On the safety of our walking and bussed school children
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3. On the safe crossing of all residents, north and south, on this very active, major railroad line. Paradoxically, people in a small town tend to assume they are safe and are not as careful and vigilant as in a larger town, thus their children have more freedom, etc.
4. On pedestrians, as the proposed pedestrian crossing with safety arms has a proven record of increased accidents across the state, so is unsafe! (particularly for children, druggies and drunks)
5. On the probable loss of the current excellent safety record with the RR... (If it isn't broken, don't fix it!)
6. On increased road maintenance expenses in a low income community (Many households have only Soc. Sec. incomes) for:
 - a. Hiring large county plow on northern city roads
 - b. improvement of a weak bridge on north side of RR
 - c. improvement of northern city roads in order for rescue vehicles to access homes in a new way

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