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David Donner
Utilities and Transportation Commission
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Re: Case # TR-090121
Closing of Logan Road Crossing near Stanwood

Dear Mr. Donner,

There are options regarding this railroad crossing other than closing off Logan Road. To close off Logan Road is a simple one but creates other problems. The response to complaints about closing off this road seems to be that traffic may use the next road north to get across from Pioneer Highway to Pacific Highway. On the surface, this seems like a good response but fails to take into account that the next road - 300th Drive - is not an easy road to drive because it is steep and winds downward to reach the lower grade (or the reverse if going east). "An accident waiting to happen."

Instead, I suggest the following: a. Recognize that occasionally the railroad will need to use the siding that will run across Logan Road. b. Install message boards at both ends of Logan Road that advise motorists when these times occur. In this time of electronic sensors, these messages would be triggered by the presence or impending presence of the train cars on the track so motorists would know that during these times (only) they would need to take alternate routes or plan to drive across at another time. It's technically possible and the cost would not be great.

Sincerely,

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Barbara Dadd Shaffer