

May 25, 2007

John Li, Manager Public Projects
BNSF Railway
2454 Occidental Ave. South Suite 1A
Seattle, WA 98134

RE: TR-070818 Petition from the City of Richland to Reconstruct a
Highway-Rail Grade Crossing

Dear Mr. Li:

On April 27, 2007, the city of Richland filed a petition with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission), seeking approval to reconstruct a highway-rail grade crossing and interconnect the proposed highway signal with the railroad crossing signal on Leslie Road in Benton County, Washington. The commission has assigned docket TR-070818 to this petition.

Please review the attached petition and respond by June 14, 2007. 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.

If you do not respond within 20 days of the date of this letter, we will assume you do not support the petition and will set the matter for hearing. You will be required to attend the hearing and respond to the commission.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Hunter at (360) 664-1257 or by e-mail khunter@wutc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Carole J. Washburn
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

cc: Jack Arnold, City of Richland