Jerry P. Bryant, Field Engineer Manager Brian D. Stacy, County Engineer Pierce County Public Works and Utility 2702 South 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Suite 201 Tacoma, WA 98409

RE: TR-081407 Petition from Meeker Southern Railroad to Modify a Highway-Rail Grade Crossing at 134<sup>th</sup> Avenue East in Pierce County

Dear Mr. Bryant and Mr. Stacy:

On July 29, 2008, Meeker Southern Railroad filed a petition with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission), seeking approval to modify a highway-rail grade crossing on 134<sup>th</sup> Avenue East in Pierce County, Washington. The USDOT number assigned to this crossing is 085536R. The commission has assigned docket TR-081407 to this petition.

Please review the attached petition and respond by September 2, 2008. 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. Commission staff is available to meet with stakeholders to facilitate discussions related to the proposed modifications.

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@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

David W. Danner Executive Director and Secretary

Enclosure

cc: Byron Cole, Meeker Southern Railroad