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**RE: TR-100129 - Petition from the Washington State Department of
Transportation to Modify the North Thorne Lane SW Highway-Rail Grade
Crossing**

Dear Ms. Mitchell, Ms. Winkler and Mr. King:

On January 19, 2010, the Washington State Department of Transportation filed a petition with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission), seeking approval to modify an at-grade railroad crossing at North Thorne Lane Southwest in the City of Lakewood, Washington. The petition also seeks to interconnect the railroad warning devices with the nearby traffic light and install wayside horns at the crossing. The Commission assigned Docket No. TR-100129 to this petition.

Please review the attached petition and respond by February 22, 2010. 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.



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- 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 khunter@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



David Pratt
Assistant Director, Transportation Safety

Enclosure

cc: Kevin Jeffers, WSDOT (without attachment)