

March 16, 2011

Eric Temple, Owner/Vice President
Columbia Basin Railroad
111 University Parkway, Suite 200
Yakima, WA 98901

Sent via E-mail and First Class Mail

RE: TR-110492 - Petition on Behalf of the Clark County to Construct a Pedestrian/Non-motorized Use At-Grade Crossing in Battleground, Washington.

Dear Mr. Temple:

On March 14, 2011, Clark County (County) filed a petition with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission), seeking approval to construct a pedestrian/non-motorized use at-grade crossing at milepost 16.3 in Battleground. The petition describes the need to construct the at-grade crossing at this location as part of the Chelatchie Prairie Railroad Trail project.

It is Commission staffs understanding that Clark County owns the tracks at this location and Columbia Basin Railroad operates over this segment of track. As a result of this arrangement, Commission staff requests consideration of the petition by the operating railroad.

Please review the enclosed petition and respond by April 5, 2011. 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.

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You must respond with your position within 20 days of the date of this letter. 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

Enclosures

cc: Troy Pierce, Clark County (without enclosure)