



STATE OF WASHINGTON
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
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November 5, 2012

Karl Nelson, General Manager
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Sent via Email and First Class Mail

**RE: TR-121746- Petition on Behalf of the Washington Department of Transportation to
Modify the SR-271 Highway-Rail Grade Crossing near Oakesdale, Washington
US DOT #058905N**

Dear Mr. Nelson:

On October 31, 2012, the Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) filed a petition with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission), seeking approval to modify active warning devices at the SR-271 crossing near Oakesdale. The petitioner seeks to replace existing cantilevers with walk-out type cantilevers using LED flashing lights, replace the existing relay case with a bungalow and install constant warning detection. The petitioner also seeks to replace all underground signal cable. The Commission has assigned Docket TR-121746 to this petition.

Please review the enclosed petition and respond by November 25, 2012. 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

Enclosure

cc: Bob Westby, WSDOT