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To:

April 7, 2016

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Dear Sirs:

BNSF Railway Co. (BNSF) has completed construction of the Hickox Road Private Crossing Improvements as spelled out in the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) Order TR-070696 and Emergency Use Private Crossing Agreement referenced as Contract # C20090534 signed by the parties listed above in 2009. Representatives from your respective agencies have attended various field visits, including the April 6th meeting with the WUTC, and witnessed the gate functioning properly with the opticon and siren activation systems. Per the private crossing agreement, the City of Mount Vernon and Skagit County (referred to as Licensee's) will pay the entire expense to utilize and maintain the crossings gates and other associated infrastructure at Hickox Road.



Per for your signature below, your respective agency is verifying that starting on April 7, 2016 you agree to the following:

- 1. Hickox Road private emergency crossing is in-service and has met all requirements of the WUTC Order and Emergency Use Private Crossing Agreement
- 2. The conversion from public to private crossing is complete
- 3. Your agency is allowed to use the crossing
- 4. Your agency will also accept future maintenance of the crossing and its associated equipment.

BNSF has sent a hard copy of the operator's manual for all equipment installed at the crossing. Please let me know if you have further questions.

Regards,

Megan Reagan

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