BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN)	DOCKET NO. TR-030116
SANTA FE RAILWAY)	
COMPANY,)	ORDER NO. 01
)	
Petitioner,)	ORDER GRANTING PETITION TO
)	MODIFY TRAIN DETECTION
V.)	CIRCUITRY AT A RAILROAD-
)	HIGHWAY GRADE CROSSING
SNOHOMISH COUNTY,)	
)	USDOT: 084674B
Respondent.)	WUTC: 2B 48.80
)	

BACKGROUND

- I On January 27, 2003, The Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company filed a petition with the Commission, seeking approval to modify the train detection circuitry at a railroad-highway grade crossing, located at the intersection of the petitioner's tracks and 212th Street (AKA Knutson Road) in Snohomish County, Washington.
- 2 Respondent has consented to an entry of an Order by the Commission without further notice or hearing.
- Warning devices at the 212th Street crossing consist of shoulder-mounted flashing light signals that are activated by motion sensor type train detection circuitry. The petition states that future train speed increases necessitate an upgrade to the train detection circuitry. Petitioner proposes to replace the existing detection circuitry with constant warning circuitry. The modification is being proposed in the interest of improving the effectiveness and reliability of the grade crossing warning system.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington having jurisdiction over public railroad-highway grade crossings within the state of Washington. *Chapter 81.53 RCW.*
- 5 (2) The 212th Street grade crossing, designated as USDOT 084674B, is a public railroad-highway grade crossing within the state of Washington.
- 6 (3) RCW 81.53.261 and WAC 480-62-150(2)(d) require that the Commission grant approval prior to upgrading or modifying warning devices, including train detection circuitry, at public railroad-highway grade crossings within the State of Washington.
- 7 (4) Commission Staff investigated the petition and recommended that it be granted.
- 8 (5) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 12, 2003.
- 9 (6) After examination of the petition filed by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company on January 27, 2003, and giving consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission grants the petition.

O R D E R

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

10 The petition of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company for modifying the train detection circuitry at a railroad-highway grade crossing located at the intersection of 212th Street and the petitioner's tracks, in Snohomish County, Washington, is granted. This Matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting on March 12, 2003. The Commissioners, having determined that this filing complies with the requirements of RCW 81.53.261, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 12th day of March, 2003.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary