

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN	)	DOCKET NO. TR-031746
SANTA FE RAILWAY	)	
COMPANY,	)	ORDER NO. 01
	)	
	)	ORDER GRANTING PETITION TO
Petitioner,	)	MODIFY TRAIN DETECTION
	)	CIRCUITRY AT THE CENTRAL
v.	)	AVENUE RAILROAD-HIGHWAY
	)	GRADE CROSSING
CITY OF QUINCY,	)	
	)	USDOT: 065800S
Respondent.	)	WUTC: 2A 1615.78
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**BACKGROUND**

- 1 On October 29, 2003, The Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company filed a petition with the Commission, seeking approval to modify train detection circuitry at a railroad-highway grade crossing. The crossing is located at the intersection of the Petitioner's tracks and Central Avenue, in Quincy, Washington.
- 2 Respondent has consented to an entry of an Order by the Commission without further notice or hearing.
- 3 Warning devices at the Central Avenue crossing consist of shoulder-mounted signals with gates, activated by DC-type train detection circuitry. Petitioner proposes to replace the existing circuitry with constant warning circuitry due to impending train speed increases. The upgrade will improve the efficiency 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 Central Avenue crossing, designated as USDOT 065800S is a public railroad-highway grade crossing within the state of Washington.
- 6 (3) WAC 480-62-150(2)(d) requires that the Commission grant approval prior to making any changes to 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 November 12, 2003.
- 9 (6) After examination of the petition filed by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company on October 29, 2003, and giving consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission grants the petition.

## ORDER

### THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 10 The petition of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company for modification of train detection circuitry at a public railroad-highway grade crossing located at the intersection of Central Avenue and the Petitioner's tracks, in Quincy, Washington, is granted.

The Commissioners, having determined that this filing complies with the requirements of WAC 480-62-150, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2003.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary