

**NORTHWEST
RAILWAY MUSEUM**
Snoqualmie, Washington

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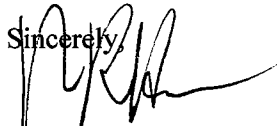
To whom it may concern:

The Northwest Railway Museum is located in Snoqualmie, and receives over 85,000 visitors per year: It is leading cultural attraction for the Snoqualmie Valley, East King County and the State of Washington.

On January 7 & 8, 2009, the Museum experienced the worst flood impact in its 52 year history. At the crest, nearly half of the Museum's railroad and two bridges were underwater with the Snoqualmie Depot escaping the water by less than three inches. However with the rapid rise of the water in the hours leading up to the food crest, it seemed plausible that the Museum's Snoqualmie Depot would actually be flooded. In an attempt to mitigate almost certain disaster, all paper records located within 18 inches of the building floor were hastily gathered up, thrown into boxes, and stacked on tables. This created a disaster of sorts because many files were mixed up, and six months later are still not fully sorted. The Museum had hoped this would be its greatest challenge. However that was not to be.

When the water receded, there were multiple track washouts extending over a distance of 2.2 miles. Damage was valued at well over \$100,000. The Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Small Business Administration deemed the museum ineligible to receive a disaster recovery grant because they believed the Museum to be financially robust enough to borrow the money and service a mortgage. The Museum does not agree with that assessment but has little choice and, in a contracting economy where many of the museum's patrons have not been able to make a contribution this year, this has had a devastating impact. So the Museum agreed to accept a loan from the Small Business Administration, completed track repairs, repaired damaged railroad crossing signals and brought them back into regulatory compliance, but in doing all this has not been able to afford any additional staff or administrative support, especially considering the SBA has yet to disburse all the money they approved and we have actually spent. The Museum continues to be burdened by the impact of this flood and while putting on a brave face to the public, is struggling to maintain regular programs and commitments.

The direct impact of the flood was nearly three months of full time crisis management. The letter you advise was sent in March cannot be found, which we realize in of itself does not relieve our responsibility to file a report. Regardless, we have many obligations we are having great difficulty in meeting but are pleased to report that safety compliance remains our top priority and we hope you agree that is our best course.

Sincerely,

Richard R. Anderson
Executive Director.

A 501 (c)3 nonprofit corporation.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

PENALTY ASSESSMENT TR-090942

PLEASE NOTE: You must complete and sign this document, and send it to the Commission within 15 days after you receive the penalty assessment. Use additional paper if needed.

I have read and understand RCW 9A.72.020 (printed below), which states that making false statements under oath is a class B felony. I am over the age of 18, am competent to testify to the matters set forth below and I have personal knowledge of those matters. I hereby make, under oath, the following statements.

- 1. **Payment of penalty.** I admit that the violation occurred and enclose \$100 in payment of the penalty.
- 2. **Request for a hearing.** I believe that the alleged violation did not occur, based on the following information, and request a hearing for a decision by an administrative law judge:

- 3. **Application for mitigation.** I admit the violation, but I believe that the penalty should be reduced for the reason(s) set out below.
 - a) I ask for a hearing for a decision by an administrative law judge
 - OR b) I waive a hearing and ask for an administrative decision on the information I present here:

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing, including information I have presented on any attachments, is true and correct.

Dated: 9 July 09 [month/day/year], at Spokane [city, state]

Northwest Railway Museum
Name of Respondent (company) – please print

[Signature]
Signature of Applicant

RCW 9A.72.020:

“Perjury in the first degree. (1) A person is guilty of perjury in the first degree if in any official proceeding he makes a materially false statement which he knows to be false under an oath required or authorized by law. (2) Knowledge of the materiality of the statement is not an element of this crime, and the actor’s mistaken belief that his statement was not material is not a defense to a prosecution under this section. (3) Perjury in the first degree is a class B felony.”

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CLASS 2 & 3 RAILROAD COMPANIES

ANNUAL REPORT

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The Northwest Railway Museum
Full name and address of Company

Correct name and address, if different than shown

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION for the YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

Inquiries concerning this Annual Report should be addressed to:

NAME: Richard R. Anderson **TITLE:** Executive Director

ADDRESS: PO Box 459, 38625 SE King Street

CITY: Snoqualmie **STATE:** WA **ZIP:** 98065

TELEPHONE: 425.888.3030 **FAX:** 425.888.9311 **E-MAIL:** richar@trainmuseum.org

The company must notify the Commission, in writing, of any changes to the above information.

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Annual Report Certification

I certify that I, _____Richard R. Anderson_____, the responsible account officer for _____Northwest Railway Museum_____ have examined the foregoing report; that, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, all statements of fact contained in all attached schedules are true and said report is a correct statement of the business and affairs of the above-named respondent in respect to each and every matter set forth therein during the period from January 1, 2008, to December 31, 2008, inclusive.

Name (Printed) _____Richard R. Anderson_____ Title _____Executive Director_____

Signature __________ Date _____9 July 2009_____

Online Annual Report Certification

I acknowledge that the foregoing Annual Report has been submitted electronically; that, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, all statements of fact contained in all attached schedules are true and said report is a correct statement of the business and affairs of the above-named respondent in respect to each and every matter set forth therein during the period from January 1, 2008, to December 31, 2008, inclusive. I agree that my name typed in lieu of my handwritten signature shall be sufficient to deem the report complete.

Authorized By:

Please Type Full Name Here

Authorized Date:

Please Type Full Date Here

SCHEDULE 1

1. Total mileage of tracks owned and/or operated in Washington:

5.5

2. Principal Commodities (other than hazardous materials hauled in Washington):

Passengers

3. All hazardous materials hauled for the period covered by this report (list specific chemicals, such as anhydrous ammonia)

4. All hazardous materials expected to be hauled in the current calendar year:

5. Are you a railroad association that qualifies as a non-profit charitable organization under IRS Code 501 (c) (3)?

Yes No

If you answered yes, you are **exempt** from paying UTC regulatory fees.

6. List all other railroads that have trackage rights on lines owned by your company?

7. State the amount of all revenue earned through interstate operations.

\$ 577,894.