

September 14, 2001

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
(October 11, 2001, at 6:30 p.m.)**

RE: The Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railway Company v. Snohomish County  
Docket No. TR-010194

TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD AND INTERESTED PERSONS:

On February 8, 2001, Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) filed with the Commission a Petition for the closure of the 156<sup>th</sup> Street N.E., at-grade crossing. The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under Title 81 RCW, having legal authority to regulate the closure of railroad crossings pursuant to chapter 81.53 RCW.

A hearing in this matter is being held pursuant to Part IV of chapter 34.05 pertaining to adjudicative proceedings, including but not limited to RCW 34.05.413, 34.05.440, 34.05.449, and 34.05.452. In addition to the foregoing statutes, rules involved include those within chapter 480-09 WAC relating to practice and procedure. The ultimate issues involved are whether the public safety requires an order be entered authorizing closure of the 156<sup>th</sup> Street N.E. crossing. The complete file in this matter sets forth the issues in more detail, and is available for inspection or copying at the Commission's offices in the Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, WA. An evening hearing session has been scheduled in order to accommodate the public.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That a public hearing in this matter will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2001, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the Peace Lutheran Church, 1717 Larson Road, Silvana, WA 98287, to receive sworn testimony and exhibits from members of the public concerning the issues in this case.**

Please see the form attached to this notice which should be filled out and returned if any party or witness needs an interpreter or other assistance.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN  
Secretary