

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

CASCADE AND COLUMBIA RIVER)	DOCKET NO. TR-041076
RAILROAD,)	
)	
Petitioner,)	
)	
v.)	NOTICE OF PREHEARING
)	CONFERENCE
CHELAN COUNTY,)	(Set for January 10, 2005, 1:30 p.m.)
)	
Respondent.)	
.....)	

- 1 On June 14, 2004, Cascade and Columbia River Railroad filed with the Commission a petition for the abandonment and closure of a highway-rail grade crossing at "A" Street, Chelan Falls, Chelan County, Washington.

- 2 The Commission will hear this matter pursuant to Part IV of chapter 34.05 RCW pertaining to adjudicative proceedings, including but not limited to RCW 34.05.413, RCW 34.05.422, RCW 34.05.431, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.449, RCW 34.05.452, RCW 81.04.110, RCW 81.44.010, and RCW 81.53.060. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Title 81 RCW, having legal authority to regulate alterations in the style or nature of construction of existing grade crossings, and to apportion the expense of such a change between the railroad and the municipality or county affected pursuant to chapter 81.53 RCW, including without limitation, RCW 81.53.060 and RCW 81.53.110. Statutes involved, in addition to those previously cited, include those within chapters 81.04 RCW, 81.44 RCW, 81.53 RCW, and 480-07 WAC.

- 3 The ultimate issue involved is whether the public safety requires an order be entered authorizing the abandonment of the grade crossing of the above-described crossing, and if so, how the expense of such a change should be

apportioned between the railroad and the county. The complete file in this matter sets forth the issues in more detail and is available for public inspection at the Commission's offices in the Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.

- 4 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That a prehearing conference in this matter will be held at 1:30 p.m., on January 10, 2005, in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.** The prehearing conference will convene at the same time as the prehearing conference in Docket No. TR-041066. If you are unable to attend the prehearing conference in person, you may attend via the Commission's teleconference bridge line, **360-664-3846**. Please appear on the teleconference bridge five minutes before the conference is scheduled to begin.
- 5 The purpose of the prehearing conference is to take interventions, establish dates for distribution of evidence and workpapers and other scheduling matters, consider formulating the issues in the proceeding and to determine other matters to aid in its disposition, as specified in WAC 480-07-430.
- 6 Petitions to intervene should be made in writing at least three business days prior to the date scheduled for the prehearing conference, as required in WAC 480-07-355(a). The Commission will consider petitions to intervene made orally during the conference, but strongly prefers written petitions to intervene. In addition, party representatives must file notices of appearance with the Commission, as required by WAC 480-07-345(2), no later than the day prior to the conference. If any party or witness needs an interpreter or other assistance, please fill out the form attached to this notice and return it to the Commission. The time and place for any evidentiary hearings will be set at the prehearing conference, on the record of a later conference or hearing session, or by later written notice.

7 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that any party who fails to attend or participate in the prehearing conference set by this Notice, or any other stage of this proceeding, may be held in default in accordance with RCW 34.05.440. The parties are further advised that the sanction provisions of WAC 480-07-450 are specifically invoked.**

8 The names and mailing addresses of all parties and their known representatives are as follows:

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- 9 Administrative Law Judge Theodora M. Mace, from the Utilities and Transportation Commission's Administrative Law Division, will preside during this proceeding.
- 10 Notice of any other procedural phase will be given in writing or on the record, as the Commission may deem appropriate during the course of this proceeding.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 15th day of December, 2004.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Executive Secretary

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The information needed to provide an appropriate interpreter or other assistance should be stated below and returned to Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, Attention: Carole J. Washburn, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, P. O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250. (PLEASE SUPPLY ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION)

Docket No.: _____

Case Name: _____

Hearing Date: _____ Hearing Location: _____

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English-speaking person who can be contacted if there are questions:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: (____) _____