

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

CITY OF MONROE,

Petitioner,

v.

BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTE  
FE RAILWAY,

Respondent.

DOCKET TR-190081

NOTICE OF PREHEARING  
CONFERENCE

**(Set for March 14, 2019,  
at 2:30 p.m.)**

1 On February 4, 2019, the City of Monroe filed with the Washington Utilities and  
Transportation Commission (Commission) a Petition to Modify Warning Devices at a  
Highway-Railroad Grade Crossing (Petition). The Petition seeks to modify and replace  
existing warning devices at the Kelsey Street railroad crossing.

2 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under  
RCW Title 80 and RCW Title 81, and has legal authority to regulate railroads. The  
statutes that apply to this matter include RCW 80.01, RCW 80.04, and RCW 81.53,  
including but not limited to RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04.020, and RCW 81.53.06. The  
rules that apply to this matter include those within Washington Administrative Code  
(WAC) 480-62, relating to railroads.

3 The Commission will hear this matter under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA),  
particularly Part IV of RCW 34.05 relating to adjudications. The provisions of the APA  
that relate to this proceeding include, but are not limited to: RCW 34.05.413, RCW  
34.05.422, RCW 34.05.431, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.449, and RCW 34.05.452. The  
Commission will also follow its procedural rules in WAC 480-07 in this proceeding.

4 The Commission finds there is good cause to hear this matter on shortened notice. *See*  
WAC 480-07-440(1)(a) and RCW 34.05.434.

5 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it will hold a prehearing conference in  
this matter at 2:30 p.m., on March 14, 2019, in the Commission's Hearing Room,  
Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W.,  
Olympia, Washington.**

6 The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider requests for intervention, resolve scheduling matters including establishing dates for distributing evidence, to identify the issues in the proceeding, and determine other matters to assist the Commission in resolving the matter, as listed in WAC 480-07-430.

7 **INTERVENTION:** Persons who wish to intervene should file a petition to intervene in writing at least three business days before the date of the prehearing conference. *See* WAC 480-07-355(a). The Commission will consider oral petitions to intervene during the conference, but strongly prefers written petitions to intervene. Party representatives must file a notice of appearance with the Commission no later than the business day before the conference. *See* WAC 480-07-345(2). Any party or witness in need of an interpreter or other assistance should fill out the form attached to this notice and return it to the Commission. The Commission will set the time and place for any evidentiary hearings at the prehearing conference, on the record of a later conference or hearing session, or by later written notice.

8 **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 under RCW 34.05.440 and WAC 480-07-450.**

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

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- 10 Administrative Law Judge Rayne Pearson, from the Commission's Administrative Law Division, will preside during this proceeding.
- 11 The Commission will give parties notice of any other procedural phase of the proceeding in writing or on the record, as appropriate during this proceeding.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective March 6, 2019.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARK L. JOHNSON  
Executive Director and Secretary

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Hearing facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Smoking is prohibited. If limited English-speaking, hearing-impaired parties or witnesses are involved in a hearing and need an interpreter, a qualified interpreter will be appointed at no cost to the party or witness.

If you need an interpreter, or have other special needs, please fill out this form and return it to Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission, Attention: Mark L. Johnson, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, P. O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250. (PLEASE SUPPLY ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION)

Docket : \_\_\_\_\_

Case Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Hearing Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Hearing Location: \_\_\_\_\_

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Hearing Impaired (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (No) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone No.: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_