

### WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

USDOT: 808925X

Peti	tioner,		
vs.	KET	- , ,	

DOCKET NO. TR- 2000 74

PETITION TO MODIFY WARNING DEVICES AT A HIGHWAY-RAILROAD GRADE CROSSING

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The Petitioner asks the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to approve modification of warning devices at a highway-rail grade crossing.

## Section 1 - Petitioner's Information

Petitioner	
Signature	
310 Maple Park Avenue, SE, SUITE 2B	
Street Address	
Olympia, WA 98504	
City, State and Zip Code	
PO Box 47329, Olympia WA 98504-7329	
Mailing Address, if different than the street address	
Connie Raezer	Site photo Death Company
Contact Person Name & Signature	
360-705-7459 or raezerc@wsdot.wa.gov	
Contact Phone Number and Email Address	

# Section 2 - Respondent's Information

KET LLC
Respondent
709 North 10 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Street Address
Street Address
Walla Walla, WA 99362 City, State and Zip Code
City, State and Zip Code
Mailing Address, if different than the street address
Paul Didelius – Owner/President
Contact Person Name
509-492-3553 or pd@columbiarail.com
Contact Phone Number and Email Address
Section 3 – Crossing Location
Existing highway/roadway State Route 397
2. Existing railroad KET Railroad LLC d.b.a. Kenne wich Term.
3. USDOT Crossing No. 808925X
4. GPS location 46.2106600 -119.1071200
5. Railroad mile post (nearest tenth)
6. City Kennewick County Benton

# Section 4 - Vehicle Traffic

2. Road authority _	Washington State Department of Transportation
3. Average annual d	aily traffic (AADT)16,000 (2016)
4. Number of lanes	5
5. Roadway speed _	35 mph
6. Is the crossing par	t of an established truck route? Yes X No
7. If so, trucks are w	hat percent of total daily traffic? 6%
8. Is the crossing par	t of an established school bus route? Yes X No
9. If so, how many se	chool buses travel over the crossing each day? 10 (estimated)
10. Describe any cha	inges to the information in 1 through 7, above, expected within ten years:
Local development c	of housing and businesses is expected to increase vehicle traffic counts.

## Section 5 - Current Crossing Information

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2. Type of railroad at crossing ☐ Common Ca ☐ Passenger ☐ Excursion	arrier □ Logging <del>-x Industrial</del>
3. Type of tracks at crossing	x Siding or Spur
. Number of tracks at crossing1	
	s than one a day 6 a week at last report
Number of tracks at crossing1      Average daily train traffic, freightles  Authorized freight train speed10 mph  Average daily train traffic, passengern/a	s than one a day 6 a week at last report  Operated freight train speed 6-7

7. Describe any changes to the information in 1 through 4, above, expected within ten years:

#### No known

8. What is the available sight distance from the stop bar (or 25 feet from the tracks if no stop bar) on both approaches to the crossing?

NB on 397 = More than 300 feet to the east and more than 300 feet to the west

SB on 397 = More than 300 feet to the west and more than 200 feet to the east

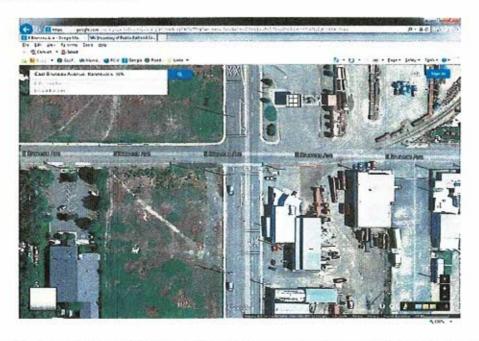
If the sight distance is less than 400 feet, describe the structures, roadway or track curvature, visual obstacles or other characteristics that limit sight distance.

There is some brush in the way, track curvature into industrial area on the east side of crossing

### Section 6 - Current Warning Devices

Provide a complete description of the warning devices currently located at the crossing (vehicle and pedestrian), including signs, gates, lights, train detection circuitry and any other warning devices.

This is currently a passive crossing, with advance warning signs (W10-01) and stop bars as well as appropriate pavement markings.



## Section 7 - Description of Proposed Changes

Describe in detail the number and type of proposed automatic signals (vehicle and pedestrian), gates or other warning devices, and/or changes to train detection circuitry. Please describe any other proposed changes at the crossing, including changes to the crossing surface, signage, pavement markings, etc. If sidewalks are being installed, please provide information on who will maintain them. (Attach additional information sheets, if needed.)

Install Train detection island circuit, which will require all train movements to stop and proceed after signals activate. Install new track and crossing surface as required to support track circuitry. Install Cantilever-mounted signals that extends to at least the center of the innermost (left turn) lane. One set of sidelight flashers on SE quadrant will be directed west towards castbound Bruneau traffic (mounted on tip of SE cantilever), and one set of sidelight flashers directed east towards westbound Bruneau traffic. Install signal cabinet/house. Modify sidewalk to direct pedestrians behind cantilever foundation on NW quadrant. Install updated signs on all approaches.

Improvements will be funded under Section 130.

Railroad will maintain rail infrastructure and road authority will maintain, sidewalks, pavement markings and signage as prescribed in law.

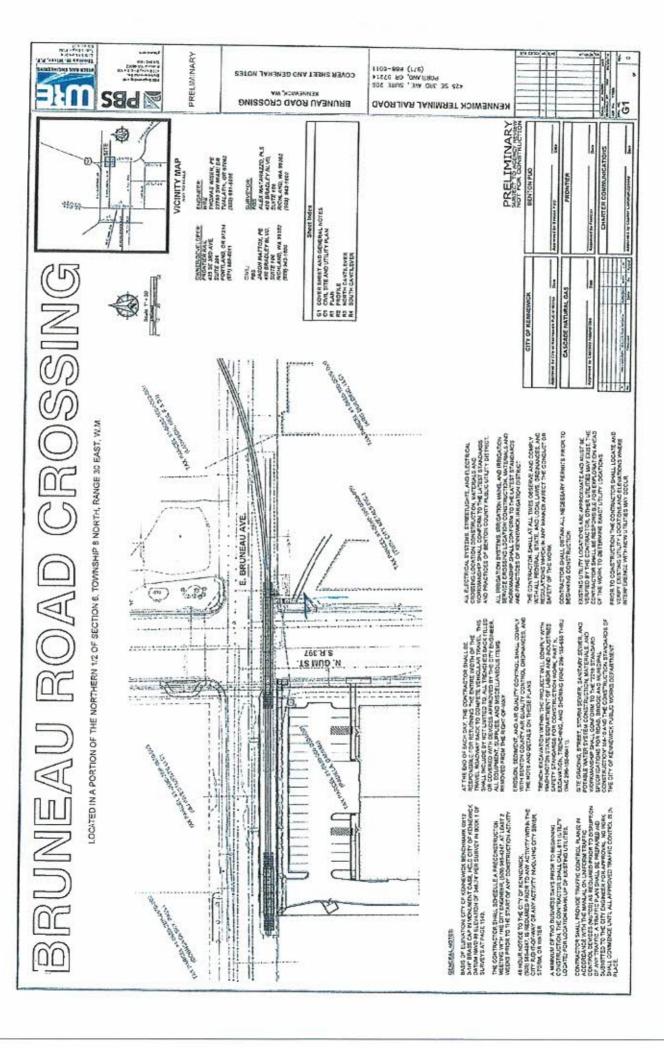
## Section 8 - Illustration of Proposed Warning Devices

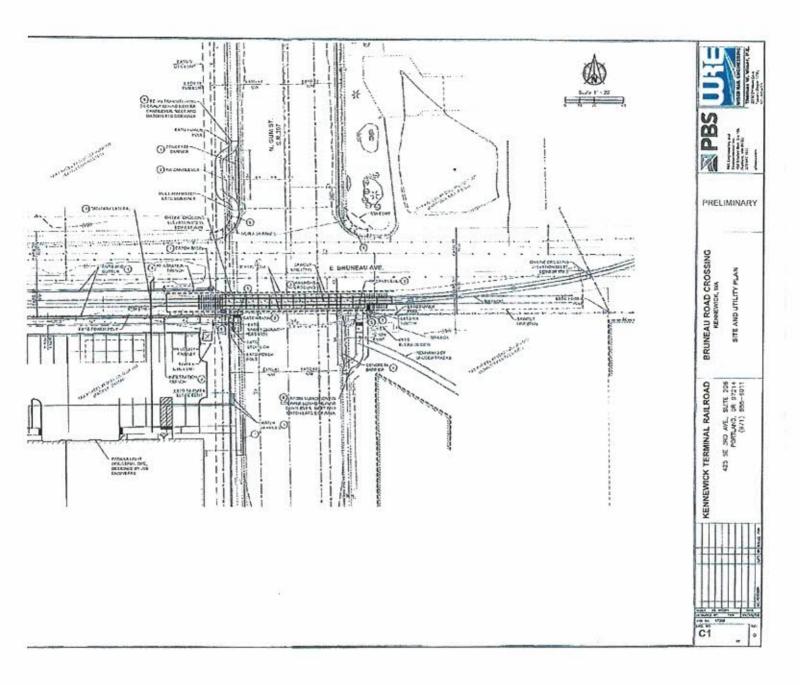
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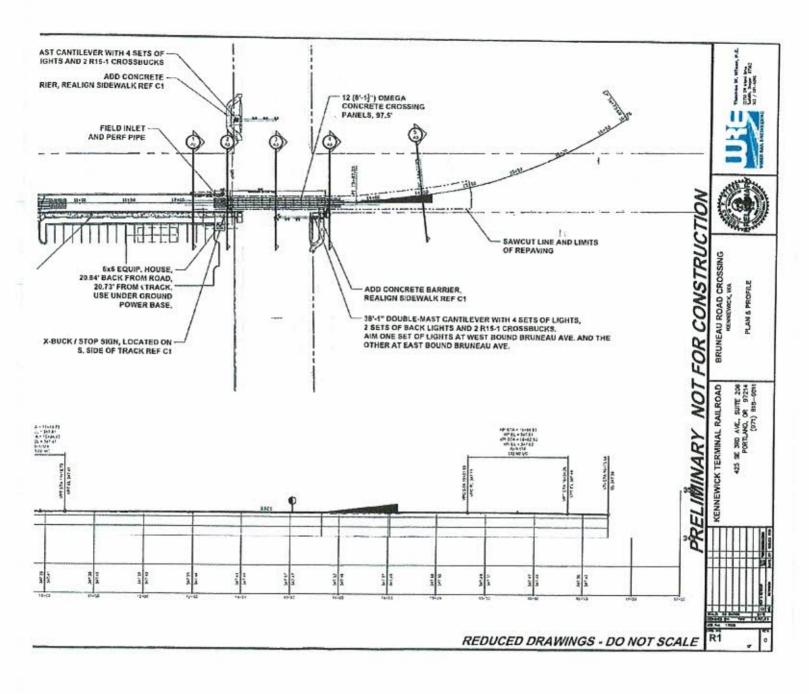
See attached plans prepared by KET Railroad

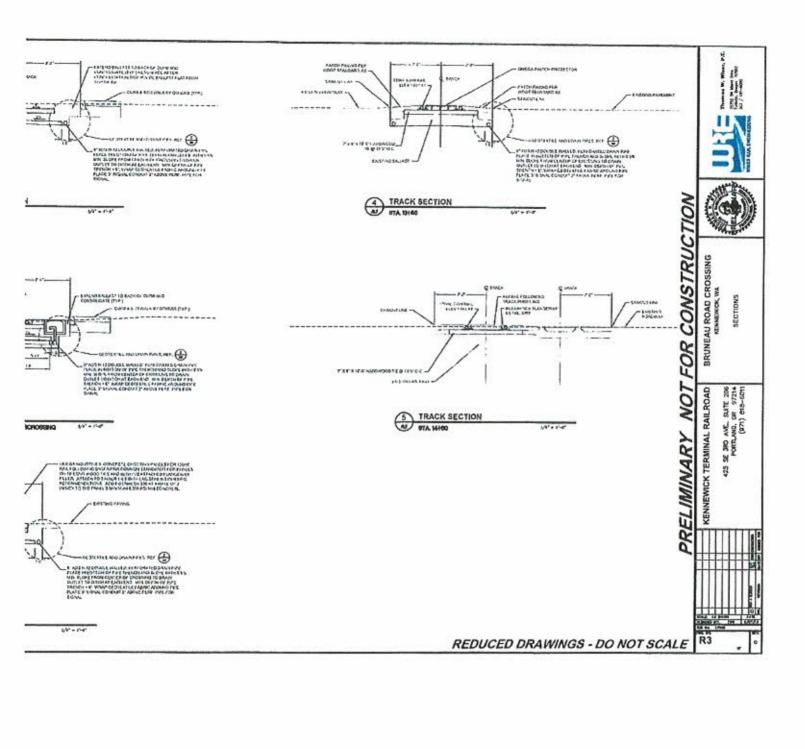
# Section 9 - Waiver of Hearing by Respondent

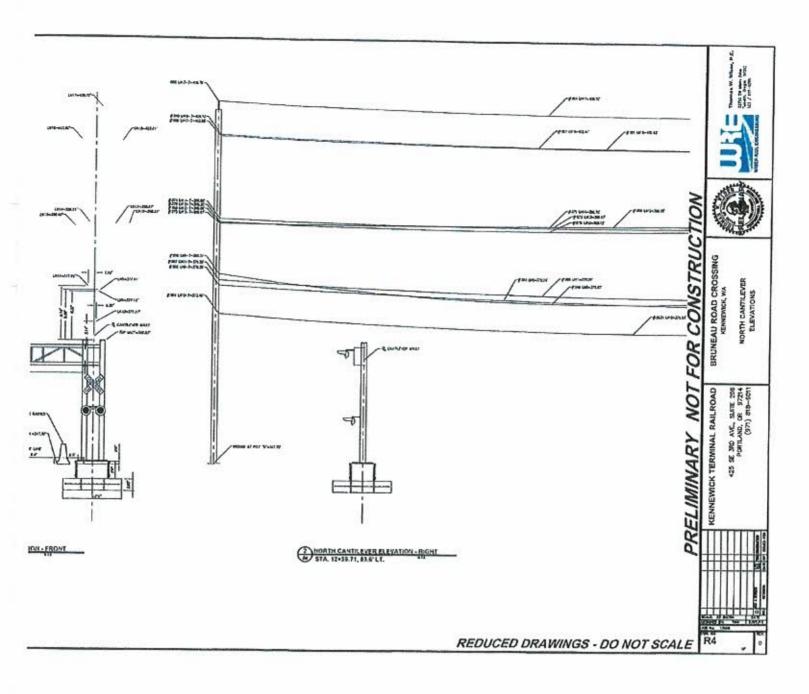
Waiver of Hearing
The undersigned represents the Respondent in the petition to modify highway-rail grade crossing warning signal system at the following crossing.
USDOT Crossing No. 808295X
We have investigated the conditions at the crossing. We are satisfied the conditions are the same as described by the Petitioner in this docket. We agree the warning signal system should be modified and consent to a decision by the commission without a hearing.
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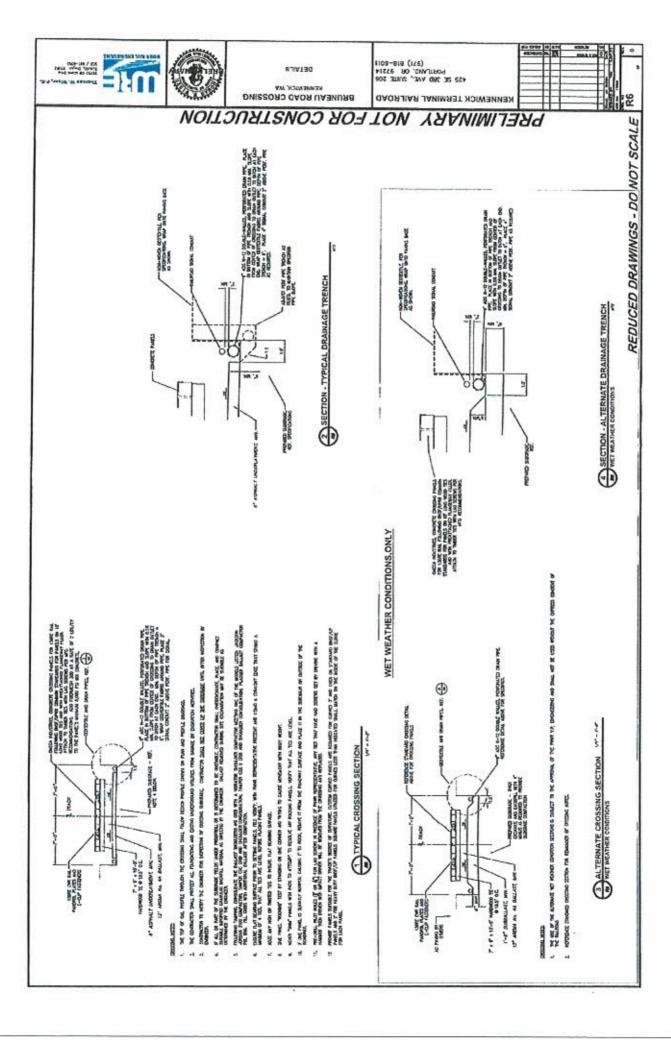


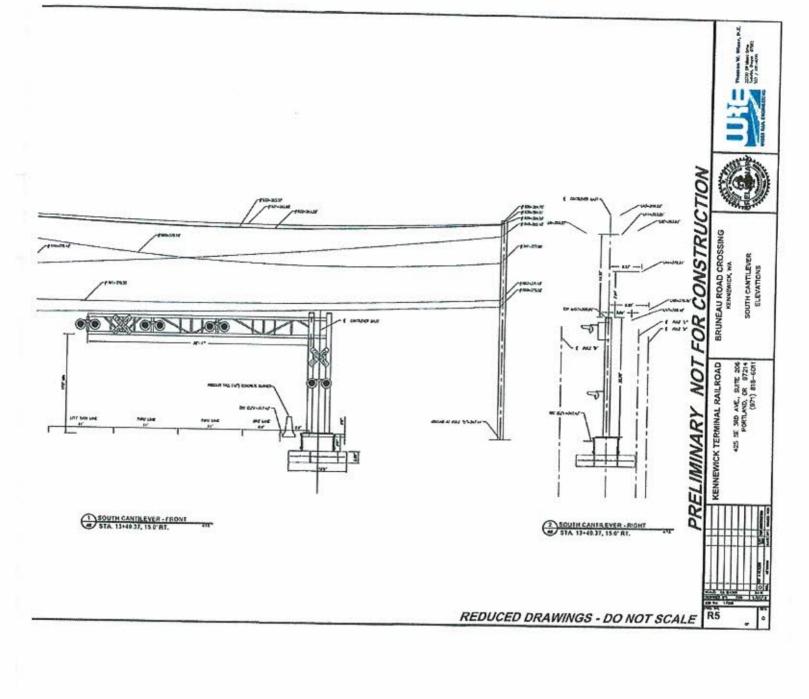


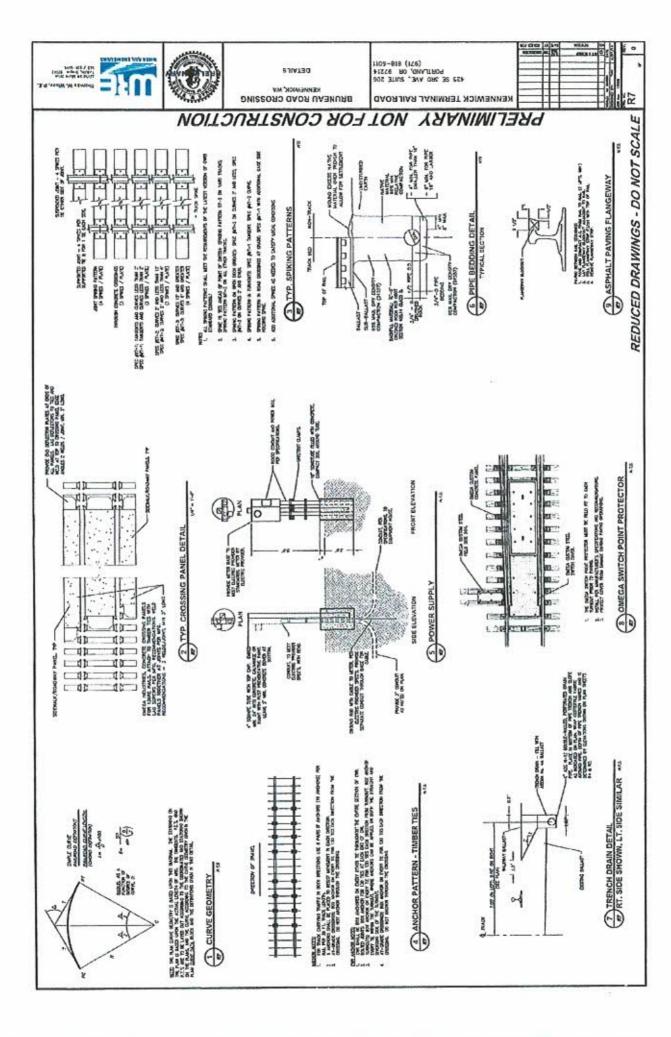












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Attachments: CCF 000064(1).pdf

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Subject: RE: Petition to Modify Devices at 808925X Date: Saturday, February 15, 2020 1:26:57 PM

Betty, WSDOT has no concerns with edits to the name/description of the railroad company provided by Paul.

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