## BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

BNSF RAILWAY CO.

**DOCKET TR-090121** 

Petitioner,

COMMISSION STAFF'S INITIAL WITNESS AND EXHIBIT LISTS

v.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY,

Respondent.

Staff hereby submits its initial witness and exhibit lists consistent with the Commission's February 19, 2009, Prehearing Conference Order. Staff reserves the opportunity to supplement this list at the March 20, 2009, supplemental filing deadline. Staff intends to call Kathy Hunter, Deputy Assistant Director, Transportation Safety, with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission. Ms. Hunter's contact information is as follows:

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, SW P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

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Ms. Hunter will testify in support of closure of the Logen Road grade crossing. Her testimony will address general public policy regarding at-grade railroad crossings. She will also address the hazards at the Logen Road crossing following the construction of a siding track next to the existing mainline track at the crossing. Her testimony will also describe the reasonableness of alternative routes available to motorists presently using the Logen Road crossing.

- 3 Staff intends to offer the following exhibits to Ms. Hunter's testimony:
  - The Grade Crossing Protective Handbook, published by U.S. Department of Transportation (available at <a href="http://www.ite.org/bookstore/gradecrossing/lo\_res\_RR\_BOOK.pdf">http://www.ite.org/bookstore/gradecrossing/lo\_res\_RR\_BOOK.pdf</a>),
  - 2) An aerial photograph detailing alternative routes for motorists currently using Logen Road crossing,
  - 3) Miscellaneous photographs of crossings at located at Logen Road; 300<sup>th</sup> Street, NW; and 271<sup>st</sup> Street, NW.
- Copies of the second and third exhibits listed above are included with this filing.

  Because the Grade Crossing Protective Handbook is very voluminous and is available online in electronic format, Staff will provide paper copies as needed.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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