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May 30, 2007

State of Washington
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
Carole Washburn, Executive Secretary
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA. 98504-7250

Re: TR-070696

Dear Ms. Washburn

We are writing today to request that the State of Washington by its agency the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) deny the Burlington Northern Santa Fe petition (BNSF) to close the Hickox Road crossing to motor vehicle traffic.

We, the Michael & Anita Roozen Family reside at 17345 Dike Road in South Mount Vernon in the Skagit County Fire Protection District #3 Aka. Cedardale/Conway Fire Departments. We are concerned that blocking the Hickox Road will delay response time from the Cedardale Fire Station and the Skagit County EMS system which would normally use the Old Highway 99 and Hickox Road. We believe that BNSF has not made a case sufficiently compelling to close Hickox Road and significantly delay the response time to those areas and residents west of the Railroad crossing.

We do not believe that the double railroad crossing is significantly more dangerous than a single crossing. We travel Blackburn Road which has a double crossing at all times of the day and have not seen increased problems at that location.

Thank you, for your consideration in this matter. Please put us on your mailing list as an interested party.

Michael and Anita Roozen
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Mount Vernon, WA. 98273
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Best regards,

Michael N Roozen

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