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Docket TR-150189
Witness: Paul Curl

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY

Petitioner

v.

WHATCOM COUNTY

Respondent.

DOCKET TR-150189

**EXHIBIT TO
TESTIMONY OF**

PAUL CURL

**STAFF OF
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

*Meeting Record Notes of Diagnostic Review, "County of Whatcom, WA – Valley View Rd.
096110B, Crossing Safety Assessment for Reconstruct Petition," July 7, 2014*

September 21, 2015

Hunter, Kathy (UTC)

From: Hunter, Kathy (UTC)
Sent: Monday, July 14, 2014 10:15 AM
To: 'Wagner, Richard W'; Joe Rutan; Sparling, Bruce A; Nutt, Calvin G; Lee Carter; Curl, Paul (UTC); Gary Johnson
Subject: RE: County of Whatcom, WA - Valley View Rd 096110B, Crossing Safety Assessment for Petitions

Rick – I have no changes.

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From: Wagner, Richard W [mailto:Richard.Wagner@BNSF.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 9, 2014 7:00 PM
To: Joe Rutan; Sparling, Bruce A; Hunter, Kathy (UTC); Nutt, Calvin G; Lee Carter; Curl, Paul (UTC); Gary Johnson
Subject: RE: County of Whatcom, WA - Valley View Rd 096110B, Crossing Safety Assessment for Petitions

My notes are attached, please track edits.

Rick

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-----Original Appointment-----

From: Wagner, Richard W
Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2014 11:48 AM
To: Wagner, Richard W; Joe Rutan; Sparling, Bruce A; Kathy Hunter (khunter@wutc.wa.gov); Nutt, Calvin G; Lee Carter; Curl, Paul (UTC) (pcurl@utc.wa.gov)
Cc: Gary Johnson
Subject: County of Whatcom, WA - Valley View Rd 096110B, Crossing Safety Assessment for Petitions
When: Monday, July 07, 2014 10:30 AM-11:30 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).
Where: There

Joe will you forward this invite to Gary Johnson your designee to attend this on-site meeting, I do not have his email address?

**County of Whatcom, WA - Valley View Rd 096110B, Crossing Safety Assessment
for Reconstruct Petition**

07.07.2014 @ 10:30 AM

Attendees:

Gary Johnson/Whatcom County, Lee Carter/Whatcom County, Kathy Hunter/WUTC, Paul Curl/WUTC, Calvin Nutt/BNSF and Richard Wagner/BNSF

The at-grade crossing safety assessment was requested by BNSF to address the proposed extension of the existing siding on the south approach to the east toward the Intalco Wye, which will allow unit trains for existing customers on the Cherry Point sub-division to queue prior to unloading and returning to the shipper. Discussion mainly centered on the potential for blocking the crossing as per the stated designed use of the siding and the mitigation of the blockages:

- Use of advanced warning devices, reader boards, pre-signals, etc. located at the intersection of Arnie Road and Valley View/Haynie Rd (three at South, east and west approaches) and at the intersection of Peace Portal Road and Valley View/Haynie Rd (three at south-east, north and north-west approaches).
- Ability of vehicles including trucks and farm equipment to turn-around via cul-de-sacs or hammer-heads located on Valley View/Haynie Rd were discussed as needed, locations were discussed at Creasey Rd and located near the south approach to highway crossing.
- Traffic types using the crossing were discussed with the County sharing that commuters use it heavily as an alternate route to access I-5 and avoid using the heavily travelled Grandview Rd to the south which also accesses I-5. BNSF had shared that the traffic count they had from a recent study was at 600 AADT, this is not a designated truck route thus no truck traffic percentage is available or required to petition for reconstruction and three school buses cross daily. County should supply recent traffic count for crossing as stated by WUTC.
- Team continued discussion regarding need for reconstruct petition if RR is pursuing closure of crossing. It is the consensus of the WUTC, the County and BNSF is that the RR should petition for closure of Valley View Rd crossing (096110B); the designed use of this siding will block the crossing for prolonged periods, and that seeking this closure is in keeping with past practices between the RR and WUTC regarding expansion projects of this kind.