

Decision No. R20-0224-I

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO**

PROCEEDING NO. 19A-0552R

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER FOR AUTHORITY TO UPGRADE APPROACH RAILROAD GATES WITH FLASHING LIGHTS, BELLS, CONSTANT WARNING TIME CIRCUITRY, NEW SIGNAL CABIN, UPGRADE OVERHEAD CANTILEVER FLASHERS, AND INSTALL RAISED MEDIANS, AT TRACKS OWNED BY BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY CROSSING LOWELL BOULEVARD, USDOT NO. 244778B, IN ADAMS COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO.

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PROCEEDING NO. 19A-0553R

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER FOR AUTHORITY TO INSTALL RAISED MEDIANS, MODIFY OUTER CURBLINES AND CLOSE AN ADJACENT TURN BAY ON APPROACH TO TRACKS OWNED BY BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY CROSSING WEST 72ND AVENUE, USDOT NO. 244779H, IN ADAMS COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO.

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PROCEEDING NO. 19A-0554R

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER FOR AUTHORITY TO UPGRADE APPROACH RAILROAD GATES WITH FLASHING LIGHTS AND BELLS, INSTALL EXIT RAILROAD GATES TO COMPLETE A 4-QUADRANT GATE INSTALLATION, UPGRADE CIRCUITRY TO CONSTANT WARNING TIME CIRCUITRY, AND INSTALL NEW RAILROAD SIGNAL CABIN, AT TRACKS OWNED BY BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY CROSSING BRADBURN BOULEVARD, USDOT NO. 244780C, IN ADAMS COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO.

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**INTERIM DECISION OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
G. HARRIS ADAMS  
GRANTING MOTION, MODIFYING  
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE,  
AND RESCHEDULING HEARING**

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Mailed Date: April 6, 2020

**I. STATEMENT**

1. On October 15, 2019 in Proceeding No. 19A-0552R, the City of Westminster (Applicant or the City) filed its application for authority to upgrade approach railroad gates with flashing lights, bells, constant warning time circuitry, and new signal cabin; installation of upgraded overhead cantilever flashers; and installation of raised medians, at tracks owned by BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) crossing Lowell Boulevard, USDOT No. 244778B, in Adams County, State of Colorado. The application was amended on November 14, 2019.

2. On October 15, 2019 in Proceeding No. 19A-0553R, Applicant filed its application for authority to install raised medians, modify outer curblines, and close an adjacent turn bay on approach to tracks owned by BNSF crossing West 72nd Avenue, USDOT No. 244779H, in Adams County, State of Colorado.

3. On October 15, 2019 in Proceeding No. 19A-0554R, Applicant filed its application for authority to upgrade approach railroad gates with flashing lights and bells, install exit railroad gates to complete a four-quadrant gate installation, upgrade circuitry to constant warning time circuitry, and install new railroad signal cabin, at tracks owned by BNSF crossing Bradburn Boulevard, USDOT No. 244780C, in Adams County, State of Colorado. The application was amended on November 14, 2019.

4. The Commission gave notice of all three applications on October 16, 2019.

5. On November 15, 2019, BNSF timely intervened of right, opposed the applications, and requested a hearing. The City and BNSF are the only parties to the three above-captioned proceedings.

6. These matters were referred to an Administrative Law Judge for resolution by minute entry during the Commission's Weekly Meeting held December 4, 2019.

7. By Decision No. R19-1014-I, issued December 17, 2019, the above-captioned proceedings were consolidated, a procedural schedule was established to govern the proceeding, and a hearing was scheduled for February 18, 2020.

8. By Decision No. R20-0072-I, issued January 30, 2020, the February 18, 2020 hearing was vacated and rescheduled to April 21, 2020.

9. On April 2, 2020, a Second Joint Motion for Continuance of Hearing Proceedings was filed by the City and BNSF. They jointly report further progress toward resolving their differences, but note efforts being slowed by the ongoing declared emergency related to the spread of the Covid-19 virus. The City and BNSF jointly request a 60-day continuance of the hearing date, and all other related deadlines so that efforts may continue to negotiate a resolution.

10. Based upon good cause shown for the unopposed request, the motion will be granted with slight modification, as ordered below.

**II. ORDER**

**A. It Is Ordered That:**

1. The Joint Motion for Continuance of Hearing Proceedings filed by City of Westminster (City) and BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) on April 2, 2020, is granted as modified by this Decision.

2. The hearing scheduled to commence in this matter on April 21, 2020, is vacated.

3. A hearing in this matter shall be conducted at the following date, time, and place:

DATE: June 22, 2020  
TIME: 10:00 a.m.  
PLACE: Commission Hearing Room  
1560 Broadway, Suite 250  
Denver, Colorado

4. The City must file its list of witnesses and copies of its exhibits that it will present at hearing no later than June 8, 2020.

5. BNSF must file its list of witnesses and copies of its exhibits to be presented at hearing no later than June 15, 2020.

6. The parties shall comply with the requirements established in this Decision and shall make the filings as required by the modified procedural schedule.

7. This Decision shall be effective immediately.

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

G. HARRIS ADAMS

Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doug Dean".

Doug Dean,  
Director