

Decision No. C14-1394

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

PROCEEDING NO. 13A-0950R

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT, BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY, AND THE CITY OF ARVADA TO CONVERT SAULSBURY STREET AT CROSSING # 094493Y IN THE CITY OF ARVADA, JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO FROM PRIVATE ACCESS TO PUBLIC ACCESS AND REQUEST AUTHORITY TO ALTER THE AT-GRADE CROSSING.

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**COMMISSION DECISION  
GRANTING MOTION**

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Mailed Date: November 24, 2014  
Adopted Date: November 20, 2014

**I. BY THE COMMISSION**

**A. Statement**

1. This matter comes before the Commission for consideration of a Motion for Permission to Amend Application (Motion) filed jointly by the Regional Transportation District and the BNSF Railway Company (collectively Joint Applicants) on October 8, 2014, requesting authority to make changes to the proposed traffic signal layout, phasing, and detection that was originally applied for and approved by the Commission by Decision No. C13-1299 mailed October 17, 2013.

2. Because of the substantive changes proposed by the Motion, the Commission gave notice of the amended application (Notice) to all interested parties, including adjacent property owners pursuant to § 40-6-108(2), C.R.S. The Notice was mailed October 10, 2014.

3. No additional interventions were filed in this matter.

4. The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter under §§ 40-4-106(2)(a) and (3)(a), C.R.S.

5. Now being fully advised in the matter, we grant the Motion.

**B. Findings of Fact**

6. The Commission gave notice to all interested parties, including the adjacent property owners of the amended application. No additional interventions were received opposing the amended application.

7. The Joint Applicants seek authority to amend the previously approved application to make changes to the traffic signal layout, traffic signal phasing changes, and addition of microwave radar detection for the traffic signal. These changes include moving the northbound traffic signal faces from the near side of the intersection to the far side of the intersection, changing the traffic signal phasing from split phasing on Saulsbury Street to concurrent phasing on Saulsbury Street, and installation of microwave radar detection at the intersection. The preemption of the traffic signal will now include an all red phase at the intersection prior to providing track clearance green time for the northbound movements.

8. The reason for the proposed changes is to change the traffic signal phasing operations at the crossing to improve traffic flow and operations at the intersection.

9. We have reviewed the proposed changes and analyzed the effects on the safety of the Saulsbury Street crossing. The proposed change to the track clearance phasing does not impact safety of the track clearance and hold intervals of the traffic signal when a train event occurs at the crossing.

**C. Conclusions**

10. The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter under §§ 40-4-106(2)(a) and (3)(a), C.R.S.

11. No intervenor that filed a petition to intervene or other pleading contests or opposes the construction of the new crossing and active warning equipment.

12. Based on the Findings of Fact, the Motion is granted.

**II. ORDER**

**A. The Commission Orders That:**

1. The Motion for Permission to Amend Application filed jointly by the Regional Transportation District and the BNSF Railway Company on October 8, 2014, requesting authority to make changes to the proposed traffic signal layout, phasing, and detection that was originally applied for and approved by the Commission by Decision No. C13-1299 mailed October 17, 2013 is granted.

2. The 20-day period provided for in § 40-6-114, C.R.S., within which to file applications for rehearing, reargument, or reconsideration, begins on the first day following the effective date of this Decision.

3. The Commission retains jurisdiction to enter further decisions as necessary.

4. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING  
November 20, 2014.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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

Doug Dean,  
Director

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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Commissioners