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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman Kristin K. Mayes
Commissioner Gary Pierce
Commissioner Paul Newman
Commissioner Sandra D. Kennedy
Commissioner Bob Stump

FROM: Safety Division

DATE: May 21, 2009

RE: *IN THE MATTER OF BNSF RAILROAD CROSSINGS IN FLAGSTAFF AT STEVES BOULEVARD AND FANNING DRIVE*

Dear Commissioners:

Recently, it has come to Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") Railroad Safety Section Staff's ("Staff") attention that modifications were made to two BNSF railroad crossings within the City of Flagstaff. The crossings at Steves Boulevard and Fanning Drive are both subject to an application by the City of Flagstaff for the installation of wayside horns. As of May 1, 2009, the wayside horns appear to have already been installed at both crossings as the attached photographs indicate. As the application has not been approved yet, authority to install the wayside horns has not been granted by the Commission yet.

In order to fully develop and evaluate this new information, Staff requested a continuance of the matter and has issued new data requests. Based on informal discussions between Staff and staff of the City of Flagstaff, it appears that the unapproved installation was at the direction of the City of Flagstaff. It is Staff's understanding, however, that the installed devices are not presently functioning and have not been connected with the respective crossings' signal circuitry. On May 20, Staff learned that the City of Flagstaff removed the wayside horns until Commission approval is granted. Staff will continue to investigate the matter and will provide recommendations as appropriate.

Should you have any questions or comments on the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact Brian Lehman at (602) 262-5601.

Brian Lehman, Supervisor
Rail Safety Division

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Attachment: Photos

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