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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of the Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
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Re: **Docket No. AB-1244X, Columbia & Cowlitz Railway, LLC—Abandonment
Exemption—in Cowlitz County, WA**

Dear Ms. Brown:

On November 19, 2019, Cowlitz County, WA filed a request for an extension until May 15, 2020 to negotiate interim trail use/railbanking with the Columbia & Cowlitz Railway, LLC (“CLC”) over an approximately 7-mile rail line between Longview, milepost 1.5 and Ostrander Junction, milepost 8.5, all in Cowlitz County, WA (the “Line”).

CLC has not consummated the abandonment. Pursuant to the decision served in this matter on September 29, 2017, there are regulatory barriers to consummation. CLC agrees to an extension until May 15, 2020 to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking with Cowlitz County for the Line. CLC understands that the consummation date would then be extended to July 14, 2020 pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1152.29(e)(2).

I certify that a copy of this letter has been served on all parties of record.

This letter is being efiled. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours,

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