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Re: Columbia and Cowlitz Railway, LLC Abandonment Exemption in Cowlitz County
Washington [AB-1244X]

Dear Secretary:

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Office of Proceedings
November 19, 2019
Part of
Public Record

Cowlitz County requests an extension of 180 days to the deadline for negotiations with Patriot Woods Railroad and Columbia & Cowlitz Railroad, regarding the Notice of Interim Trail Use in the above captioned proceedings with respect to the approximately 7-mile rail line between Longview, milepost 1.5 and Ostrander Junction, milepost 8.5, all in Cowlitz County, WA.

Cowlitz County is in continuing negotiations with Patriot Woods and the Cowlitz & Columbia Railways and respectfully requests the opportunity to continue and complete negotiations. Cowlitz County has invested significant resources into the analysis and evaluation of the corridor.

The County respectfully requests an extension to Friday May 15, 2020. In addition the County respectfully requests a waiver of the Board's filing fees in accordance with 49 CFR 1002.2(e)(1).

Sincerely,
**Board of County Commissioners
of Cowlitz County, Washington**


Joe Gardner, Chairman

11-19-19 I certify that I have served copies of this document upon all parties of record by e-mail:

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 GRANTED Office of Proceedings	DECISION ID NO. 50044
	DECIDED DATE: 12/13/2019
	SERVED DATE: 12/16/2019
	APPROVED:  Director
	Extended to 5/15/2020. For information on further extensions, see Docket No. ☒ EP 749 (Sub-No. 1) served 12/4/2019.