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Re: Columbia & Cowlitz Railway, LLC Discontinuance Exemption in Cowlitz County, Washington [AB-1244 (sub No. 1X)], and Columbia & Cowlitz Railway, LLC Abandonment Exemption in Cowlitz County Washington [AB-1244X]

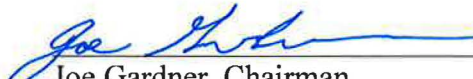
Dear Secretary:

Cowlitz County requests an extension of one year 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. The County requests an extension to May 15, 2021. In addition, the County requests a waiver of the Board's filing fees in accordance with 49 CFR 1002.2(e)(1).

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| <br><b>GRANTED</b><br>Office of<br>Proceedings | DECISION ID NO.: 50351                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                                                                   | DECIDED DATE: 7/13/2020                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                                                                                                                   | SERVED DATE: 7/13/2020                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                                                                   | APPROVED: <i>ain e dni</i><br>Director                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                                                                   | Extended to 5/15/2021 in AB 1244X.<br>For information on further extensions,<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> see Docket No. EP 749 (Sub-No. 1)<br>served 12/4/2019. |

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

  
Joe Gardner, Chairman

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

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