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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown  
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Re: **Docket No. AB-1244X, Columbia & Cowlitz Railway, LLC—Abandonment  
Exemption—in Cowlitz County, WA**

Dear Ms. Brown:

On July 9, 2020, Cowlitz County, WA filed a request for an extension of time 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. Consummation of the abandonment is subject to the conditions imposed in Docket No. AB-1244X, *Columbia & Cowlitz Railway, LLC—Abandonment Exemption—in Cowlitz County, WA* (served September 29, 2017). CLC has not complied with the conditions as of this date. CLC and Cowlitz County have been negotiating for trail use under a NITU that expired on May 15, 2020. Pursuant to Docket No. EP 749 (Sub-No. 1), *Limiting Extensions of Trail Use Negotiating Periods* (served December 4, 2019) (effective February 2, 2020) at 11, CLC agrees to an extension of one-year to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking with Cowlitz County for the Line until May 15, 2021. CLC understands that the consummation date would then be extended to July 14, 2021 pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1152.29(e)(2).

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

Sincerely yours,

/s/ *Louis E. Gitomer*

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