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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of the Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

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

Dear Ms. Brown:

On March 14, 2023, Cowlitz County, WA filed a request for the Surface Transportation Board to issue a new Notice of Interim Trail Use in order to re-enter negotiations with Columbia & Cowlitz Railway, LLC (“CLC”) for interim trail use/rail banking 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 agrees to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking with Cowlitz County for the Line, and requests that the Surface Transportation Board issue a Decision and Notice of Interim Trail Use or Abandonment.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ *Louis E. Gitomer*

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