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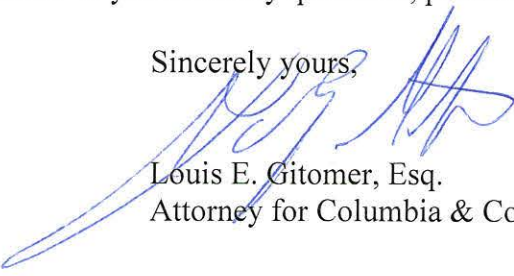
Re: **Docket No. AB-1244X, Columbia & Cowlitz Railway, LLC—Abandonment
Exemption—in Cowlitz County, WA**

Dear Ms. Brown:

On August 22, 2017, Cowlitz County, WA filed a request to 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,



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Cc: Joe Gardner