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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**

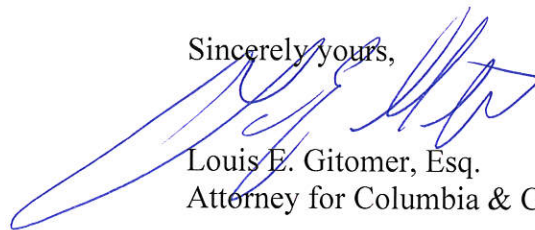
Dear Ms. Brown:

On March 19, 2018, Cowlitz County, WA filed a request for an extension of 180 days from March 28, 2018 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. CLC agrees to an extension of 180 days to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking with Cowlitz County for the Line until September 24, 2018. CLC understands that the consummation date would then be extended to November 23, 2018 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,



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Cc: Joe Gardner