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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 180 days 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 28.5 mile portion of the Patriot Woods and Columbia & Cowlitz Railways. This request is made pursuant to the September 29, 2017 decision and notices, attached, by the Surface Transportation Board (STB) which allowed negotiations to establish a trail use. Cowlitz is aware of the recent filing and decision concerning Docket No. AB-1243, which removed it from negotiations.

Cowlitz County is in the process of completing an assessment of the rail lines and wishes to continue negotiations with Patriot Woods and Cowlitz & Columbia Railways in the proceedings for another 180 day period. The County respectfully requests an extension to September 18, 2019. In addition, the County respectfully requests a waiver of the Board's filing fees in accordance with 49 CFR 1002.2(e)(1).

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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