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December 11, 2009

Mr. Garrett Bolyard
Director of Property Management
West Region
420 Hanson Street South
Twin Falls, ID 83301

Re: September 9, 2009 Surface Transportation Board Decision
STB Docket No. AB-570 (sub-no. 3x)
Palouse River and Coulee City Railroad Inc.
Abandonment Exemption in Latah County, Idaho

Dear Mr. Bolyard:

I am in receipt of your *Palouse River & Coulee City Railroad, Moscow Idaho Rail Line Abandonment, Project AB-570, Pollution Prevention and Erosion Control Plan*. The plan describes environmental protection actions to be implemented during the AB-570 abandonment project including: sediment and erosion control; practices to prevent leaching of wood preservatives from newly exposed wood surfaces; identification and clean up of tie piles, debris dumps, and contaminated areas; and a contingency plan to notify IDEQ if hazardous materials are discovered.

We appreciate your efforts in helping to protect Idaho's environment while you conduct and complete your work. We look forward to receiving your final report at the completion of the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Cardwell", is positioned above the printed name.

John Cardwell
Regional Water Quality Program Manager

cc: Gwen Fransen, Regional Administrator
Douglas Conde, Idaho AG Office
Karl Morell, Ball Janik
Christa Dean, Surface Transportation Board