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Vernon Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street N. W.
Washington DC 20423-001

Re: Docket AB-600, Abandonment of Yakima Interurban Lines Association in Yakima County, Washington

Dear Mr. Williams,

This refers to Docket AB-600, abandonment of Yakima Interurban Lines Association in Yakima county, Washington.

BNSF Railway supports Yakima County's position concerning the retention of the Fruitvale to Naches, Washington line for rail service.

BNSF anticipates that the Fruitvale to Naches line will be restored to rail service shortly. When this happens, BNSF will play an integral role in moving goods to and from customers located along the line.

As soon as rail service is restored, customers along the Fruitvale to Naches line will be tied into the national rail network and be able to utilize the rail efficiencies of competitive transportation rates. Also, restoring the Fruitvale to Naches line to rail service will lessen the truck traffic on the adjacent highway system in the area.

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