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FIRST CLASS MAIL

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street NW, Suite 715
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RE: Notice of Appearance
STB Docket No. FD-34609, State of Washington, Department of Transportation –
Acquisition Exemption – Palouse River and Coulee City Railroad, Inc.

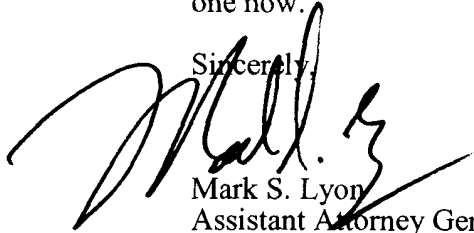
Dear Secretary Williams:

I am in receipt of your letter granting my request to waive the \$1,400 filing fee in this case. Please make the check payable to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and mail it to my attention at the above listed address. WSDOT's Federal Tax Identification Number is 91-6001068

I noticed your records still list Jeanne Cushman as counsel in this matter. Ms. Cushman no longer works for Washington State Office of the Attorney General and I have taken over as counsel representing the Washington State Department of Transportation in the Palouse River and Coulee City Railroad matter.

Since my records do not show a Notice of Appearance was filed from my office I am submitting one now.

Sincerely,


Mark S. Lyon
Assistant Attorney General

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BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

FINANCE DOCKET NO. 34609

STATE OF WASHINGTON, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
– ACQUISITION EXEMPTION –
PALOUSE RIVER AND COULEE CITY RAILROAD, INC.

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the defendant, State of Washington Department of Transportation, hereby enters its appearance in the above-entitled action and requests that notice of all further proceedings, except original process, in said action be served upon the undersigned attorneys at their address below stated.

DATED this day of July, 2005.

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CERTIFICATE OF FILING AND SERVICE

I Audrey L. Hayes, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to file this pleading.

7/20/05
Date

Audrey L. Hayes
Audrey L. Hayes, Legal Assistant

I hereby certify that I have served all parties of record in this proceeding with this document by ABC Legal Services.

7/20/05
Date

Audrey L. Hayes
Audrey L. Hayes, Legal Assistant