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August 6, 2008

Charles Nottingham, Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E St SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Docket No AB-515 (Sub-No. 2X), *Central Oregon & Pacific Railroad, Inc. –
Abandonment and Discontinuance – in Coos, Douglas, and Lane Counties, OR
(Coquille to Vaughn)*

Docket No. 35160 (Finance) *Oregon International Port of Coos Bay-Feeder Line
Application-Coos Bay Line of the Central Oregon & Pacific Railroad, Inc.*

Dear Chair Nottingham.

Thank you for arranging to have the Surface Transportation Board come to Eugene to hold a hearing on the abandonment request filed by the Central Oregon and Pacific Railroad (CORP) for their Coos Bay Line. My understanding is that concurrent with that hearing, the Board will also consider the Feeder Line Application filed by the International Port of Coos Bay.

Please let this letter serve as Lane County's notice of intent to participate in the hearing. Our Board of County Commissioners yesterday decided that the Board Chairman, Mr. Faye Stewart would attend, along with the West Lane County Commissioner Mr. Bill Fleenor. Mr. Stewart will bring to the hearing a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners which outlines the pertinent concerns of the Board and a statement of support for the feeder line application submitted by the Port of Coos Bay. It will additionally outline our opposition to the proposed abandonment filed by CORP. In his role as Chairman, Mr. Stewart represents all of the citizens of Lane County. Mr. Fleenor represents the portion of Lane County through which the Coos Bay Line passes through, and is a resident of Mapleton, Oregon. I respectfully ask that you provide each of these elected officials with five minutes speaking time.

If you need further information regarding Lane County's participation at this hearing, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me. My telephone number is 541-682-3688 or via email @
Jeff.Spartz@co.lane.or.us.

Sincerely,

Jeff Spartz
Administrator, Lane County