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September 24, 2008

Ms. Victoria J. Rutson  
Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis  
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Mr. Andrew Wood  
WASHINGTON STATE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
P. O. Box 47322  
Olympia, WA 98504-7322

Re: Finance Docket No. 34936, Northern Columbia Basin Railroad Project in Moses Lake, WA.

Dear Ms. Rutson and Mr. Wood:

As you are aware, the Port of Moses Lake (Port), an applicant in the above-captioned proceeding before the Surface Transportation Board, seeks authority to construct and operate a line of rail. The STB, through its Section of Environmental Analysis, and Washington State Department of Transportation are acting as co-leads in the preparation of environmental documentation for the proposed project.

The Port understands that SEA and WSDOT are considering a route with certain alternative segments for the project. It is customary for an applicant to identify a preferred routing.

The Board of Commissioners for the Port, at their meeting of September 22, 2008, unanimously voted to support Segment 1A, Segment 2 and Segment 3 as its preferred routes. While Segment 1 and 1A are similar in nature, we realize there are less wetlands associated with Segment 1A. Because of the lesser environmental impacts of Segment 1A, we feel this alternative is preferable. Segment 2 is preferred over Segment 2A because it lies on property already owned by the Port and provides preferred access.

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We respectfully request the record the show the Port's preference on routing. Thank you for all your assistance and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

PORT OF MOSES LAKE



Craig L. Baldwin  
Executive Manager

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