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RE: Northern Columbia Basin Rail Project

Dear Mr. Wood

On October 23, 2007 you made a presentation to the Moses Lake City Council with regard to the Northern Columbia Basin Rail Project. At that time you discussed the different routes that were proposed for the project and indicated that the northern citizen option did not meet the goals of the proposed project and would not be carried forward in the environmental assessment. If you will recall, the City of Moses Lake preferred the northern route, which would have followed the old Northern Pacific Railroad route.

There was discussion by the City Council following your presentation and because you indicated that the citizen option or northern route would not meet the goals of the proposed project and would not be carried forward in the environmental assessment, the City Council agreed that the alignment proposed by the Washington State Department of Transportation, which followed a route south of Wheeler Road was a reasonable option under the circumstances. With that in mind, the City Council endorsed that proposed alignment.

If there are further questions with regard to the City Council's position on the proposed alignment of the Northern Columbia Basin Rail Project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours

Joseph K. Gavinski  
City Manager

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