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The Port of Seattle (the “Port”) hereby requests that the Surface Transportation Board (the “Board”) withdraw the Port as a party of record in these proceedings, which concern a portion of the Woodinville Subdivision between MP 23.8 in Woodinville, WA and MP 12.6 in Bellevue, WA (the “Line”).

In connection with these proceedings, Ballard Terminal Railroad Company, LLC (“Ballard”) served the Port with Ballard’s First Interrogatories and Requests for Production (“Ballard’s Request”), dated June 27, 2013. The Port responded, answered, and objected to Ballard’s Request on July 15, 2013. The Port will meet its discovery response obligations under Ballard’s Request. Ballard has indicated through its counsel that it does not oppose the Port’s Request.

As of February 2013, the Port no longer owns any property interests in the Line. In December 2009, the Port acquired from BNSF Railway Company certain property rights in the Line and conveyed a multipurpose public easement on the Line to the King

County, Washington.¹ In April 2012, the Port conveyed to Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority a high-capacity transportation easement over the majority of the Line, as well as fee title to approximately 1.1 miles of the Line. On April 13, 2012, the Port conveyed its interest in a 5.75-mile portion of the Line (from approximately MP 14.6 to approximately MP 20.3) to the City of Kirkland, Washington. In February 2013, the Port conveyed its remaining interests in the Line to King County. The Port no longer holds any property interests in the Line.

Therefore, the Port hereby requests that the Board withdraw the Port as a party of record in these proceedings, effective immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ See *The Port of Seattle—Acquisition Exemption—Certain Assets of BNSF Ry.*, STB Finance Docket No. 35128 (STB served June 20, 2008) (“2008 Port Acquisition”).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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