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Hon. Vernon Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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*Re: Burlington Northern & Santa Fe RR -- Abandonment Exemption -- in King
County, WA, AB-6 (Sub No. 402X)*

Dear Mr. Williams:

Foss Maritime Company and affiliated entities are the principal landowners adjacent to the line proposed for abandonment authorization in the above-captioned proceeding. Foss Maritime accordingly supports the abandonment authorization sought in this proceeding.

Foss Maritime Company further supports the request by the City of Seattle that the line be railbanked for possible future rail reactivation and for interim trail use pursuant to 16 U.S.C. §1247(d).

Foss Maritime Company also supports an exemption from the "offer of financial assistance" ("OFA") procedures (49 U.S.C. §10904 and related regulations) in this proceeding, as permitted by 49 U.S.C. §10502(a).

By my signature below, I certify service on representatives of the parties identified below by U.S. Mail, postage pre-paid, first class.

Very truly yours,

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