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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: STB Ex Parte No. 647 Notice of Intent to Intervene

Dear Secretary Williams:

The Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission intends to participate in STB Ex Parte No. 647, Class Exemption for Expedited Abandonment Procedure for Class II and Class III Railroads. Please add us to the file as a party of record.

We will submit our comments regarding the rulemaking at a later date.

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If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rose.

Sincerely,

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