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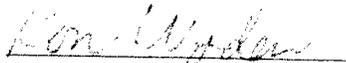
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COMMON CARRIER OBLIGATION OF RAILROADS

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

Pursuant to the Board's Decision served in this proceeding on February 22, 2008, United States Senator Ron Wyden's office hereby notifies the Board of his intent to participate in the hearing to be held on April 24, 2008. Senator Wyden will be speaking and requests 20 minutes. His topics will include: Central Oregon and Pacific Railroad's closure of the Coos Bay line; the local economic impact of short line railroads; the value of long-range business planning in the short line rail industry; line abandonment.

Respectfully submitted,


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