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October 29, 2010

Ms. Cynthia T. Brown  
Chief, Section of Administration  
Office of Proceedings  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street SW  
Washington DC 20423-001

Re: Issaquah Subdivision (Redmond Spur) reactivation – letter of support

Docket # FD 35407

Dear Ms. Brown,

Waste Management, Inc. would like to offer our support to the GNP Railway's request to reactivate the former BN Corridor from Woodinville to Redmond Washington. As the corridor proceeds south from the City of Snohomish to Redmond it runs along the eastern property line and serves our Regional facility at Maltby, Washington. Our specific disclosures in this letter will address the long-term viability of GNP to serve this corridor and all of its shippers along it.

Waste Management, Inc. is North America's leading provider of integrated environmental solutions. We partner with our customers and communities to manage and reduce waste from collection to disposal while recovering valuable resources and creating clean, renewable energy. Serving over 20 million residential, industrial, municipal and commercial customers, Waste Management posted \$11.79 billion of revenues in 2009.

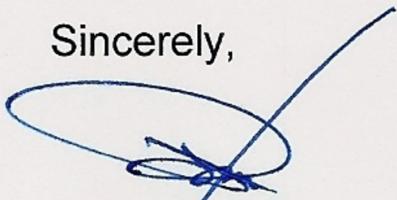
I am Waste Management's Project Manager for the new undertaking at the Maltby facility, the "Calvert Ecopark Project". Waste Management has recently submitted to Snohomish County a conditional use permit application to re-construct our 18+ acre site in Maltby creating this commercial and demolition material recovery facility. (MRF) That proposal includes the construction of an intermodal container transfer facility and anticipates the removal of materials and possibly municipal solid waste from the site by rail. To start, we are planning for two, thirty-five trains per week. (3,640 cars per annum). It is our understanding that GNP has been authorized by the federal Surface

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Transportation Board to operate this rail line between Snohomish and Woodinville that was formerly owned and operated by BNSF Railway Company, and as such would be the common carrier serving our need. We also understand that GNP desires to reactivate the branch off the Snohomish-Woodinville line that extends south to Redmond.

We strongly support GNP Railway's action to re-activate that part of the corridor and believe that our shipping activity would further solidify the railroad's long-term economic viability.

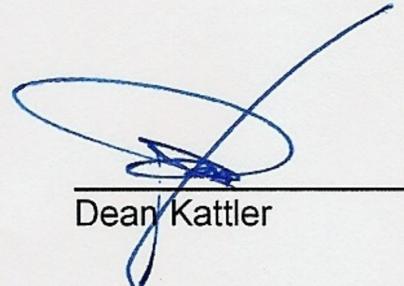
Sincerely,



Mr. Dean Kattler  
Area Vice President  
Waste Management of Washington Inc

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1746, I declare and verify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: October 29, 2010



Dean Kattler

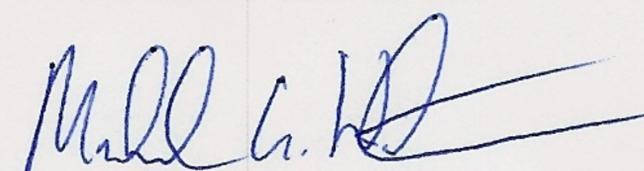
STATE OF Washington, COUNTY OF King:

On this day, personally appeared before me

Dean Kattler, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he signed the same as his voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

Witness my hand and official seal hereto affixed

this 29th day of October, 2010.



Michael A. Weinstein

Notary Public in and for the State of Washington.

My commission expires June 15, 2013.



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I caused to be served a copy of the foregoing letter of support from WASTE MANAGEMENT upon the following persons on November 1, 2010:

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