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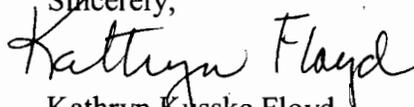
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Re: Finance Docket No. 34936, Port of Moses Lake — Authority to Construct And Acquire — And Columbia Basin Railroad Company, Inc. — Authority to Operate — Petition For An Exemption From 49 U.S.C. § 10901 — Moses Lake, Washington

Dear Ms. Rutson and Mr. Wood:

Enclosed for your information please find copy of a letter dated September 16, 2008 from the Port of Moses Lake to Mr. Gavinski, Manager, City of Moses Lake requesting that the City Council deny the request of a landowner to Amend the Comprehensive Plan or Development Regulation. This information is being provided as part of the environmental record in the above-captioned proceeding.

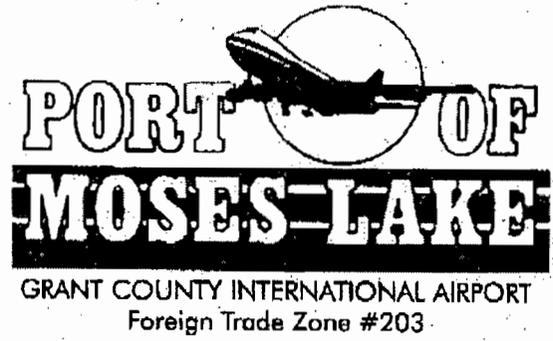
Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Kusske Floyd

Enclosure

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Re: Finance Docket No. 34936, Northern Columbia Basin Railroad Project in Moses Lake, WA.

Dear Ms. Rutson and Mr. Wood:

As you are aware, the Port of Moses Lake (Port), an applicant in the above-captioned proceeding before the Surface Transportation Board, seeks authority to construct and operate a line of rail. The STB, through its Section of Environmental Analysis, and Washington State Department of Transportation are acting as co-leads in the preparation of environmental documentation for the proposed project.

The Port understands that SEA and WSDOT are considering a route with certain alternative segments for the project. It is customary for an applicant to identify a preferred routing.

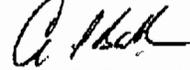
The Board of Commissioners for the Port, at their meeting of September 22, 2008, unanimously voted to support Segment 1A, Segment 2 and Segment 3 as its preferred routes. While Segment 1 and 1A are similar in nature, we realize there are less wetlands associated with Segment 1A. Because of the lesser environmental impacts of Segment 1A, we feel this alternative is preferable. Segment 2 is preferred over Segment 2A because it lies on property already owned by the Port and provides preferred access.

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We respectfully request the record to show the Port's preference on routing. Thank you for all your assistance and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

PORT OF MOSES LAKE



Craig L. Baldwin
Executive Manager

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