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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan  
Acting Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

FD-34936 Sub 1

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 USC § 10901 -- Moses Lake, Washington

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

By this letter, Columbia Basin Railroad Company, Inc. ("CBRW") is withdrawing from the petition for exemption filed in the above-referenced proceeding on August 14, 2008 (the "Petition for Exemption"). CBRW intends to file subsequently with the Surface Transportation Board, in Finance Docket No. 34936 (Sub-No. 1), a verified notice of exemption to operate certain rail lines that are the subject of the Petition for Exemption.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



Rose-Michele Nardi