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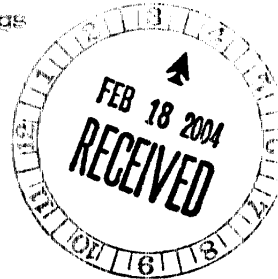
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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Subject: STB Finance Docket No. 34472

Dear Secretary Williams:

This letter is to inform the Surface Transportation Board (Board) that Clark County is in the process of changing common carrier operators with respect to approximately 14 miles of rail line it owns. Clark County expects soon to complete lease negotiations with the Columbia Basin Railroad Company (CBRC) to operate over this line. The subject rail line was previously operated by the Lewis & Clark Railway Company under a lease that expired on January 31, 2004. See ICC Finance Docket No. 31042; STB Finance Docket No. 33325. We have advised Lewis and Clark Railroad by letter, dated January 30, 2004, that CBRC will be the new operator of this line. We understand that CBRC has or soon will file with the Board for authority to operate this line in Finance Docket No. 34472.

Please call me if you have questions at (360) 397-6118 extension 4017.

Sincerely,

Steven C. Schulte

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Railroad Coordinator

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