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RE: BNSF Railway Company Abandonment in Thurston County, Washington, STB Docket No. AB 6 (Sub-No. 492X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

This request is filed on behalf of the Thurston County (Public Works), which is a unit of local government in the State of Washington, interested in transportation, natural resources, recreation, utilities and solid waste hereinafter referred to as "proponent". Proponent requests leave to file this NITU extension request. Proponent petitions the Surface Transportation Board ("Board") to extend the time period for negotiation of a mutually acceptable interim trail use/railbanking agreement in this proceeding up to and including April 17, 2017. Proponent has been negotiating with BNSF, but the parties need additional time to continue and complete negotiations. To successfully preserve this corridor for interim trail use and railbanking, it is necessary for the negotiation period under NITU to be extended up to and including April 17, 2017. BNSF does not object to the requested extension of the NITU. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,


Scott Lindblom, P.E.
Interim Public Works Director

Cc: Karl Morell

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