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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

Date: April 30, 2013

From: Mark D Stewart
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Subject: Withdraw of Columbia Heights and Washington Way Applications for Grade Crossing Protection Fund (GCPF) Funding

Ms. Young,

The Columbia and Cowlitz Railway Company is officially withdrawing its application for GCPF funding for the Columbia Heights (TR-121882) and Washington Way (TR-121881) road crossings.

There has been a significant change in leadership and management personnel at the Columbia and Cowlitz Railway Company and with our parent company, Patriot Rail, with the start of this year. With the changeover of personnel, the knowledge of these applications was not forwarded to the new personnel. I arrived to the Columbia and Cowlitz on 1 March and did not discover the dockets for another month. At that time, all efforts were made to try and pursue the upgrades for Columbia Heights and Washington Way. But in the end, our contractor was not provided enough of an opportunity to purchase the needed equipment and have all the equipment installed and operable by 30 June.

Unfortunately the timing of events that impacted the work on these crossings was not advantageous to completing them by the established deadline.

We would like to pursue options for improving these crossings in the next biennium, if the opportunity exists with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark D Stewart', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark D Stewart
Operations Manager