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April 25, 2013

Mrs. Kathy Hunter Washington Utilities Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW PO Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE:

Piert Road/Cochran Road Railroad Crossing

TR-112127, TR-2128, TR-100572

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Dear Mrs. Hunter,

I appreciate the information you provided me in our phone conversation on the 24th of April.

As a follow up to that conversation I would like to inform you that the Piert Road project is in the final stages of completion and is expected to open to the public May 15th, 2013. This is an extension from the estimated completion date of April 30th, 2013 as provided by Steven Becken, Benton County Public Works Manager, in his letter dated January 3rd, 2013.

In Mr. Becken's letter, he asks for a delay in the closure of the Cochran Road crossing per WUTC Order TR-112128 until the Piert Road project was completed as it was an alternate route for adjacent property owners to access their property. We request extending that closing date to May 15th to allow for the completion of the Piert Road project which will provide the needed access.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Daniel S. Ford, PE County Engineer

Cc: Larry Moser, Financial Administrator

Bryan Thorp, Project Engineer

Reid Hay, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney