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RE: Docket TR-100190
Request for Additional Funds

The Port is requesting an amendment to the original docket to increase the original grant amount from the current \$10,114.00 by \$5,880.00 to a total of \$15,994.00 to cover unexpected labor costs in installing the signal upgrades.

The reason for this request is that in the original petition and application the Port's operator of the rail line already employed a registered and licensed Washington contractor who was highly skilled in railroad signal maintenance and installation. At the time of application it was anticipated that this individual would install the upgrade parts now on hand and the operator (Chehalis-Centralia Railroad & Museum) would pay his invoice to "contribute to the labor costs to install the upgrades" per the provisions of the Project Agreement.

Tragically the contractor, a sole proprietor, was killed in a traffic accident prior to all parts being received leaving the operator and Port without a contractor to perform the installation.

The Port has vigorously pursued identifying a qualified contractor and getting a reasonable bid for this work. We have worked closely with Ed Harper on this project. We have also worked with local railroad construction contractors and BNSF to attempt to identify railroad signal installation contractors in this region who may have an interest in providing a bid for this work. The only bid we've received after 3 months of searching and advertising has been for the above requested additional amount (\$5,880) which is felt by Ed Harper to be excessive. The actual costs to install the parts should be in the \$2,500 to \$3,000 range for two workers to complete the work in about two workdays. The Port will continue to pursue getting bids from a qualified contractor and the above request is a "worse care scenario" cost. The Port asks your approval of this request to complete these needed upgrades.

Please contact the undersigned if any questions.

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