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Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
1300 South Evergreen Park Dr SW
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RE: Railroad Company Operations Rulemaking
Docket No. TR-981102

Dear Sir:

The Port wishes to express their interest in participating in the referenced rulemaking. Without having the present regulations from Chapter 480-26 WAC, I cannot be specific in my concerns. However, in general terms, the Port would like to see WUTC rules mirroring existing federal and industrial rules, i.e., 1) USDOT Federal Railroad Administration regulations; 2) USDOT Federal Highway Administration regulations; and, 3) Railroad company General Code of Operating Rules (GCOR), with the addition of appropriate AAR regulations.

We appreciate being allowed to participate in the workshop proposed for May 27, and look forward to receiving current and updated rule changes.

Yours truly,

MICHAEL L. GEHRKE
Director Intermodal Services

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