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David W. Danner, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW
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RE: *Puget Sound & Pac. R.R. v. City of Elma*, Dockets TR-110159, TR-110160,
TR-110161
Puget Sound & Pac. R.R. v. Grays Harbor Cnty., Dockets TR-110162, TR-110157

Dear Mr. Danner:

The Utilities and Transportation Commission Staff has reviewed the letter that the Petitioner Puget Sound and Pacific Railroad Company (PSAP) filed in Dockets TR-110159, TR-110160, TR-110161, and TR-110162 on April 12, 2011. PSAP requests a 60-day extension to allow for additional settlement negotiations among the parties. Staff supports a 60-day extension. A settlement would make it unnecessary for the Commission to commence an adjudicative proceeding under RCW 34.05.413(5).

The dockets that are the subject of PSAP's letter involve four of PSAP's five petitions to close grade crossings along the rail line between Elma and Montesano. In its April 12 letter, PSAP did not mention the fifth petition, which has been assigned docket number TR-110157. Staff believes that may have been an oversight. Should PSAP request a 60-day extension in Docket TR-110157 as well, Staff would support the extension because Staff believes that all five petitions should be considered together.

Sincerely,

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