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To the Commission:

The Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission is toward the end of its rule making process to determine what direction (if any) it will provide to railroads regarding Remote Control Locomotives (RCLs). It has recently come to my attention that the railroads are applying pressure on the State to end the process.

I strongly encourage you to continue the rule making process and establish for the public rules that will protect and guide us in the future regarding RCL. It is my understanding that the WUTC will probably make a determination some time in the next week on whether it will proceed. If Washington sets in place RCL rules to protect the public it will be the first in the country to do so and that is what makes me so proud to live in this state.

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