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P. O. Box 47250
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RE: Petition of Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad to Close
Crossings
UTC Dockets TR-110157, TR-110159, TG-110160, TR-110161,
and TR-110162

This is to formally notify the Commission, the Applicant, and the Board of Commissioners of Grays Harbor County that the Council of the City of Elma has gone on record in opposition to the request to close the crossings within the City. Previously, the City Director of Community Development carried forth the required SEPA evaluation and issued a Mitigated Declaration of Non-Significance, a copy of which will be filed with the Commission. The applicant did not undertake any appeal of that issuance.

The City has been awaiting any type of specific suggestions to deal with the problems which have been raised to the Railroad in communications directed to the Commission. The problems identified would affect the citizens of Elma and the surrounding area if the requests were granted. Months have gone by and there have been no specific suggestions made by the Railroad.

- Incorporation March 22, 1888 -

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The Council and I recognize fully the financial benefit that increased operations at the Port of Grays Harbor will hopefully provide to the citizens of Grays Harbor. However, at this stage, the request seems to be one wherein the primary direct negative impacts, whether as a result of delay, increased risk of loss through fire, increased risk of inability for emergency medical responders to access a site, or other impacts, are to be borne by the citizens of Elma. This is not right, either legally or operationally.

The City, of course, remains open to receiving specific proposals to deal with the problems raised.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Yours truly,

CITY OF ELMA

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Osgood", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

DAVID OSGOOD, Mayor

cc: Charles Caldwell, Commissioner
Port of Grays Harbor
Board of County Commissioners
County of Grays Harbor
Steven Hefley,
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