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March 13, 2006

Ms. Vicki Elliott Utilities and Transportation Commission Transportation Safety Section P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: Request for close clearance exemption for addition of rail dock shelters and awning under WAC 480-60-050

Sheets Unlimited at 301 SW 27th St in Renton unloads a good percentage of raw material from railcars on a rail line bordering its' West side. During rainy weather conditions, the dock plates become very slick and water is tracked into the facility. The large clamp trucks used to unload large paper rolls, when carrying a full load can weigh as much as 28,000 lbs. The wet surface causes slipping and sliding of the trucks as they negotiate their way around the warehouse and in the railcars themselves. This makes for a very concerning situation and per rational requires prevention. For this reason we wish to apply a for close clearance exemption in order to install rail weather shelters on our building.

The center of the rail line itself at its closest sits 9' from the building. The dock shelters retracted project 9" from the building. This makes us only 3" over the 8'6" guideline for this addition on the door that is closest to the line. However, in order to make the rail shelter completely effective it also requires the installation of an awning which projects 18" from the top of the shelter at approximately 15' from the ground.

Attached are some specification sheets for the rail shelters and awnings we are considering installing. There will be 5 in all. Please consider our request for this exemption with the knowledge that the safety of our employees is our greatest concern. If you or anyone on your staff have the need for additional information or a site evaluation then please contact me at (425) 291-3474.

Please send any correspondences or information to myself, Dina Carnes - C/O Alliance Packaging LLC, 1000 SW 43rd St, Renton, WA 98055.

Sincerely,

Nino M. Carnes

Corporate Maintenance Manager



