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Dear Ms. Maxwell,

My name is Mike Daniel, I'm the Regional Director of Logistics for Ash Grove Cement Company. We operate a cement distribution terminal in Spokane Valley, WA and are upgrading our rail unload capabilities.

Please see accompanying Petition for Exemption from Commission Rules related to Railroad Companies – Clearances (WAC480-60).

I believe the petition explains the reason for the clearance exemption and our remedy to the satisfaction of the BNSF Railway. But if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me for further clarification.

Thank you for your consideration,

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