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The Honorable Dennis Moss Administrative Law Judge Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re:

WUTC #TR-980787

Skagit County/BNSF Trestle

Dear Judge Moss:

This will confirm Skagit County's decision to withdraw its pending petition before the Utilities and Transportation Commission. It is hoped that a resolution may be obtained by direct negotiation with Burlington Northern Sante Fe. In the event no agreement can be reached, Skagit County would likely submit a new petition and be prepared to go forward to a hearing on a much more expedited basis than has proven possible in the present circumstances.

Thank you for your considerations throughout.

Yours respectfully,

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