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December 26, 2019

Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW P. O. Box 47250 Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

RE: Clark County v. BNSF Railway Company

Docket TR-190228

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket is the original and one copy of Third Joint Status Report.

Regards,

Laura Meier

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Cc: Parties via email



BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In Re the Petition of:

CLARK COUNTY,

Petitioner

v.

BURLINGTON NOTHERN SANTA FE RAILWAY,

Respondent.

DOCKET NO. TR-190228

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Respectfully submitted this 24th day of December 2019.

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<u>s/ Kelsey Endres</u>Kelsey Endres, WSBA # 39409Attorney, BNSF Railway CompanyAttorney for Respondent

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day mailed the parties' Third Joint Status Report to Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW, P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, Washington 98504-7250 and served the same upon the persons and entities listed below via U.S. Mail:

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I declare under penalty under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing information is true and correct.

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