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**Subject:** RE: Petition for railroad close clearance waiver  
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Dear Mr. Boston

Columbia Grain is requesting a waiver of the overhead clearance rules in WAC 480-60-040 and side clearance rules in WAC 480-60-050 for the following conditions:

1. The grain loading spout at the Lind elevator is less than the required 22 feet 6 inches above top of rail when connected and requires a waiver of the overhead clearance rules in WAC 480-60-040.
2. The steel ladder near the loading platform at the Lind elevator is 7 feet 7 inches from centerline of track. WAC 480-60-050 requires a side clearance of 8 feet 6 inches.
3. The grain loading spouts at the Schrag elevator are less than the required 22 feet 6 inches above top of rail when connected and require a waiver of the overhead clearance rules.
4. The steel staircase next to the tracks at the Schrag elevator is 6 feet 8 inches from centerline of track. WAC 480-60-050 requires a side clearance of 8 feet 6 inches.

BNSF Railway provides rail service to the Lind facility and Columbia Basin Railroad provides rail service to the Schrag facility. Both railroads support the clearance waiver request to continue service at the Lind and Schrag facilities.

Please contact me with any questions at the below information.

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