RESOLUTION NO. 1433

A RESOLUTION OF THE PORT OF PORT OF PASCO, SUPPORTING BNSF AND THE MILLENNIUM BULK TERMINAL

WHEREAS, Washington is the most trade-dependent state in the country and it is paramount that our lawmakers and state regulators work together with business and labor to sustain this vital industry for future generations of Washingtonians; and

WHEREAS, several critical decisions before our state could jeopardize trade related jobs and growth, threatening Washington's ability not only to compete for new business, but also to maintain the thriving trade infrastructure we have worked so hard to build; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington should foster a regulatory environment that encourages investment in Washington's trade industries, ensuring our state is positioned to thrive in the increasingly competitive national and international marketplace for foreign trade; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad's large impact on Pasco's economy with their hump yard facility, 250 direct jobs, and local cargo shipping opportunities; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad's large investment in Pasco for a highly sophisticated coal respray facility showing their commitment to environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the proposed Millennium Bulk Terminal in Longview, WA will revitalize a 70-year old brownfield industrial site to ship Powder River Basin Coal and other dry commodities to Asia, help increase rail capacity important to Ag commodity transportation, provide 2650 direct and indirect jobs during construction and 300 direct and indirect jobs at the facility, and provide $43 million in tax revenue during the construction phase;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Port of Pasco wishes to express their support for the proposed Millennium Bulk Terminals Project and respectfully requests that:

1) Washington State Regulators provide:

- Timely regulatory review process lasting no longer than 18 months for proposals meeting Washington's high environmental standards.
- An environmental framework that is predictable and obtainable, focusing on the impacts to communities where projects are to be built, rather than speculative indirect impacts

- A commitment to promoting trade growth and the diversity of employment opportunities that sustain Washington's middle class; and

2) BNSF and the State Legislature provide increased funding to mitigate for impacts on local communities resulting from increased train traffic

BE IT RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be immediately transmitted to the Media, the Washington State Department of Ecology, and BNSF.

ADOPTED this 26th day of May, 2016

PORT OF PASCO COMMISSIONERS

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