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Bill Chapman
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Re: State of Utah Support for the Millennium Bulk Terminals-Longview Project

Mr. Chapman,

On behalf of the State of Utah, we appreciate the opportunity to support the Millennium Bulk Terminals-Longview project. The State of Utah, including its mining, agricultural and manufacturing industry, will greatly benefit from the Millennium Bulk Terminals project. The State of Utah strongly supports environmentally responsible, well-designed infrastructure projects, such as the Millennium project, that promote sustainable economic growth. The Millennium project will advance the environmentally safe transport of coal and other materials in the West, including expanding access to export markets that can benefit from Utah's environmentally superior coal. Accordingly, the State of Utah supports the timely environmental review and approval of the Millennium project.

Coal mines located in central and southern Utah produce high BTU and low sulfur coal for the steam-coal and metallurgical coal markets located domestically and abroad. The coal industry provides good paying jobs in rural areas where residents are directly or indirectly employed in mining, trucking and support services which return tax revenue to the State. The coal mined on state and federal lands in Utah generates royalty and lease payments to the State. The west coast rail infrastructure routes under review also carry Utah agricultural and bulk freight exports.

The four-year long process since the proposed project permit submittal has resulted in an extensive Draft Environmental Impact Statement which provides a thorough environmental analysis and basis for approval of the proposed export facilities. These facilities are urgently needed to provide the infrastructure needed to transport and ship coal,



agricultural products and bulk freight shipments to new markets. The State of Utah appreciates the DEIS's general support for the proposal and looks forward to the remaining DEIS issues being resolved in a timely manner to allow this important project to proceed. Utah's mining, agriculture and manufacturing industries will benefit from this much needed rail to ship infrastructure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Laura Nelson", written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Dr. Laura Nelson
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