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Re: Millennium Bulk Terminal – Longview

Dear Ms. Butorac, Mr. Guy, Ms. Placido and Mr. Raiter:

I am writing today on behalf of more than 50,000 active and retired members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen to express our support for the building of the Millennium Bulk Terminal – Longview.

Industrial growth and demand for coal in Asia makes this facility vital to America's economic interests. It is clear that — in order to ensure our nation's economic competitiveness into the future — we must continue to develop our export capabilities, which have always been the envy of other nations, in order to meet the demands of emerging markets in Asia and beyond. To ensure that our economy can grow, we must not lag behind other nations, such as those in South America and other regions, who are also pursuing this market.

The terminal will create more than 1,000 jobs during its construction and more than 100 permanent jobs after its completion, jobs that are sorely needed at this time of continuing high unemployment. Eight trains per day will deliver coal to the terminal from the Powder River Basin in Montana and Wyoming, which is among the cleanest coal produced anywhere in the world, creating jobs for our members throughout the western United States. These well-paying, union jobs are the types of jobs our economy needs and the American people want, and the creation of this facility will provide them.

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The safety record of these rail professionals who will transport this commodity is second to none. The transportation of coal by freight rail is safe, clean and reliable. Strict safety and environmental controls will be implemented to ensure that the clean coal from the Powder River Basin to ports along the West Coast is transported in the safest and most environmentally responsible manner possible. The facility will be built to the highest standards to mitigate environmental concerns while the coal is being stored awaiting transport overseas.

This facility will give the Pacific Northwest an opportunity to strengthen its economy, create jobs and give the region the boost it needs at this critical time, and I wholeheartedly give the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen's full support.

Sincerely,



National President

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