



2601 SR 509 North Frontage Road
Tacoma, Washington 98421

MOUNTAIN DIVISION: Operated for the City of Tacoma

March 8, 2013

Mr. Mark S. Daniels
Federal Railroad Administration, Region 8
500 East Broadway, Suite 240
Vancouver, WA 98660

Re: Assignment of inspection and maintenance responsibility to Western Washington Railroad, LLC.

Dear Mr. Daniels:

As required by 49CFR§213.5(c) and 49CFR§237.3(b) the City of Tacoma, as the track owner, intends this letter as notification to the Federal Railroad Administration of our intent to assign track, bridge, and grade crossing signal system inspection and maintenance responsibilities to Western Washington Railroad, LLC, effective April 8, 2013. The segment of track specific to this notice is situated between TRMW milepost 48.0C (Maytown) and milepost 60.0C. This transfer of responsibility is the result of an amendment to an existing lease agreement that transferred maintenance responsibility between mileposts 60.0C and 67.19C on December 1, 2012 and issued to the FRA on October 22, 2012.

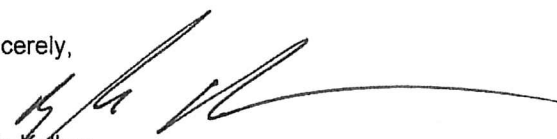
The City of Tacoma Public Works Division is the owner of the track and Tacoma Rail is responsible for the railroad operations of the Mountain Division (TRMW) on their behalf. Recently, the Tacoma Rail Mountain Division executed an Amendment to a Lease Agreement with Western Washington Railroad, LLC, to operate a common carrier railroad within the segment of track described above. Additionally, Tacoma Rail understands that Mr. Van Altvorst is General Manager of the short line railroad for the City of Prineville, OR, and has familiarity with the various responsibilities associated with Common Carrier operations.

Mr. Toby Van Altvorst, Managing Member, of Western Washington Railroad, LLC, has signed the aforementioned Amendment with the City of Tacoma. Contact information for Western Washington Railroad, LLC, is:

Western Washington Railroad, LLC
Mr. Toby Van Altvorst, Managing Member
P.O. Box 6720
Aloha, OR 97007
(541) 912-1261

Please feel free to contact me at (253) 377-3554 if you have any questions or concerns relative to this notice.

Sincerely,


Kyle Kellem
Roadmaster

Cc: Toby Van Altvorst, Western Washington Railroad, LLC
Dale King, Tacoma Rail Superintendent
Kurtis Kingsolver, Tacoma Public Works Director
James Adams, Federal Railroad Administration, Region 8
Kathy Hunter, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission