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Mr. Gary Virgin, AGC
UTU

Dear Mr. Virgin:

This is in reply to your letter of June 6, concerning trackage rights operations in the Longview, Washington area.

As we understand it, the net effect of the changes at Longview would be the abolishment of on local assignment, or, in other words, one engineer and two train service employees.

Going forward, we will make necessary public filings with the Surface Transportation Board and will keep both UTU and BLET apprised of the situation.

We have scheduled a meeting to discuss these matters with General Chairmen Fitzgerald and Pierce on June 13, and are planning to make a conference bridge available for you and General Chairman Kerley.

Sincerely,

Cc: Mr. Robert Kerley, GC, UTU
Mr. Dennis Pierce, GC, BLETD - IBT
Mr. John Fitzgerald, GC, UTU

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