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Re: Columbia River Crossing – 175’ Bridge Clearance

Mr. Fischer

The purpose of this letter is to document the importance of the current I-5 Columbia River Crossing bridge clearance to Greenberry Industrial (a wholly owned subsidiary of NAES).

As you are aware, Greenberry Industrial has a fabrication facility in Vancouver, Washington to the East of the I-5 bridge. That facility has a loading dock that allows for loading barges with up to 3,000ton loads.

The industries that Greenberry Industrial provides these types of extremely large structures are the following:

1. Upstream oil
2. Bridges
3. Nuclear
4. Energy

These structures are often times extremely tall, and they require using the full 175’ clearance the current bridge allows for. These structures absolutely must have the maximum height the current bridge allows for our business to be competitive.

In addition to the height constraints, it is important to understand the unique aspects of our facility in Vancouver. They are as follows:

1. Open access dock, with no affiliation to any labor unions (namely longshoremen)
2. A “roll on” dock with 3,000ton loading capacity
3. Rail access
4. Large assembly yard that can handle these super heavy oversized structures
5. Close access to a major interstate highway
6. Close access to a major airport
7. Close access to a strong industrial supplier base
8. Close access to a strong labor pool of industrial craftsmen



All the reasons stated above were discussed repeatedly with all the invested parties back in 2013, and were part of the reason for the large settlements being reached with Greenberry, Thompson Metal Fab, and Oregon Ironworks (now part of Vigor)

I sincerely hope that the above information meets your needs at this time in assessing the importance of this facility and the related impact of the 175' bridge clearance.

Sincerely,

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