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Contract 8078, I-5, Columbia River Bridge
Temporary Pile Test Program
WA 0.3 to OR MP 308.0
State Project
Serial Letter No. 14

RE: Response to Request for Information No. 6

Gentlemen:

On February 11, 2011, we received Request for Information No. 6 which asked the following question.

Will WSDOT allow a pile to be "partially driven" the day before, and be impact-driven the following day?

Partially driven piles will be allowed when conditions beyond the control of the contractor requires pile driving to stop. An example of this would be if you are required to stop driving a pile due to spotting of a sea lion and not able to continue driving the pile that day. You should plan to drive all piles continuously until the minimum tip elevation or ultimate bearing capacity shown in the contract has been achieved, although if certain conditions arise as described above you will be allowed to leave partially driven piles in-place and continue driving the pile the next day.

If there are any questions, please contact this office at (360) 816-2208.

Sincerely,

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