St. Paul, November 10th, 1936

Mr. W. P. Kenney,

President

Dear Sir:

The U. S. Engineers at Seattle have called attention to a flood control project in Skagit County, Washington, consisting of a diversion channel from the Skagit River about one and onehalf miles south of Burlington westerly along our Anacortes Branch to Padilla Bay. This project would require an extension of our Skagit River bridge No. 36 and the relocation of about two and one-fourth miles of our Anacortes Branch.

The preliminary estimate of the cost of this entire project is $1,832,000, which the property owners contend they are unable to raise and state that if the project is to be carried out it will be necessary that it be done at the expense of the Government.

The U. S. Engineers have requested that the position of the Great Northern be stated to their office by November 15th. It seems advisable that we take no interest in this project other than to state that if it is carried out we will expect that any changes required in our facilities be made at the expense of the Government. Kindly advise if it will be satisfactory to make such a reply to the Government Engineers.

Yours truly,

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St. Paul, Minnesota, November 11, 1936.

Mr. C. C. Jenks:

Referring to yours of November 10, about the flood control project in Skagit County, Washington:

I agree with you that we should advise the U. S. Engineers that if the project is carried out we will expect the Government to pay for any changes that are required in our facilities.

W. P. Kenney.

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St. Paul, March 10th, 1937

Mr. W. P. Kenney

President,

Dear Sir:

Referring to yours of November 11th, 1936, about the flood control project in Skagit County, Washington, from near Avon, along our Anacortes line, to Padilla Bay near Whitney:

For your information, a further hearing on this project was held at Mount Vernon on March 2d, at which the attitude of those present was quite unfavorable for the reason that the local people would be expected to assume an expense amounting to $1,832,000 set up by the Government as their portion of the cost of this project. It is likely that this matter will be indefinitely postponed.

Yours truly,