



January 4, 2024

Board of Commissioners, Columbia County
Columbia County Land Development Services
Attn: Planning
230 Strand Street
St. Helens, OR 97051

Re: NEXT Renewable Fuels Local Land Use Permits

Dear Columbia County Commissioners:

My name is Doug Bean with Doug Bean & Associates, Inc. Doug Bean & Associates, Inc. is a locally owned real estate firm in Portland, Oregon. I am the commercial real estate agent representing Columbia Commerce Center in Scappoose, Oregon.

I am writing this letter in support of NEXT Renewable Fuel's efforts to build a renewable diesel production facility at the Port of Columbia County's Port Westward site. NEXT Renewable Fuel's presence in Columbia County will no doubt attract other industries and provide growth to the local area.

I respectfully ask the Board of Commissioners to approve NEXT permits without delay.

Sincerely,

Douglas L. Bean, SIOR, CPM
President

