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Mr. David Kretschmann, P.E.  
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Dear Dave,

In a recent conference call hosted by the American Wood Council, representatives from the Pacific Lumber Inspection Bureau, Redwood Inspection Service, West Coast Lumber Inspection Bureau, and Western Wood Products Association discussed adding nominal  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch for Shiplap (10 mm lap) and Shiplap (13 mm lap), Dressed and Matched (Tongue and Grooved, 6 mm tongue), and Dressed and Matched (Tongue and Grooved, 10 mm tongue) to Table 2 of PS 20. We realize PS 20 isn't up for renewal until 2020 with the review process starting in 2019, but we want to have these additions to Table 2 considered for adoption at that time.

The rationale for proposing these additions is that there are companies manufacturing these products by ripping 2-inch lumber along the narrow face and the finished thickness is approximately 0.66". Adding a nominal  $\frac{3}{4}$ " dimension, 5/8" minimum dressed thickness, to Table 2 would permit these companies to label their products as a nominal  $\frac{3}{4}$ " thickness and comply with the various weights and measures requirements in their market area.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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