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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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[Docket Number FRA-2013-0136]

Notice of Joint Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System

In accordance with Part 235 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated July 16, 2013, the Commuter Rail Division of the Regional Transportation Authority (Metra) and its operating company, the Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation (NIRCRC), and CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSX) have jointly petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval for the discontinuance or modification of a signal system. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2013-0136.

Applicants:

Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation, Mr. Justin Vonashek, Director, Regulatory Compliance, 547 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60661
CSX Transportation, Inc., Mr. David B. Olson, Chief Engineer
Communication and Signals, 500 Water Street, Speed Code J-350, Jacksonville, FL 32202

Metra and CSX seek joint approval of the proposed discontinuance and removal of the power derail Number 8, on Metra's MT track, at Milepost (MP) 10.0, Southwest Subdistrict, at Chicago, IL. The location is referred to as Forest Hill Interlocking by Metra and as the 75th Street Interlocking by CSX.

The reason given for the proposed changes by Metra and CSX is to improve fluidity through the interlocking. The interlocking is controlled by CSX. The Metra dispatcher must communicate with the CSX Blue Island dispatcher, advising route and direction prior to arranging movement through the interlocking.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at

the U.S. Department of Transportation's Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- Web site: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- Fax: 202-493-2251.
- Mail: Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- Hand Delivery: 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received by February 7, 2014 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). See <http://www.regulations.gov/#/privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of regulations.gov or interested parties may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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[Docket Number FRA-2013-0130]

Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System

In accordance with Part 235 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated November 1, 2013, Union Pacific Railroad (UP) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval for the discontinuance or modification of a signal system. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2013-0130.

Applicant: Union Pacific Railroad, Mr. Phillip A. Danner, AVP Engineering-Signal, 1400 Douglas Street, MS 0910, Omaha, NE 68179.

UP seeks approval of the proposed temporary discontinuance of the signal system between Milepost (MP) 359.7 to MP 361.7 on the Terminal Subdivision in Houston, TX. The purpose of the temporary discontinuance is to support the installation of a new signal system in support of the Hardy Toll Road project. UP estimates the discontinuance to be no more than 30 consecutive days, within a time period starting after January 1, 2014, and ending before April 1, 2014.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U. S. Department of Transportation's Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2009-0078]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, this document provides the public notice that by a document dated November 25, 2013, the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRA), on behalf of the Conecuh Valley Railway, LLC; the Three Notch Railway, LLC; and the Wiregrass Central Railway, LLC, has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for an amended waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal hours of service laws contained at 49 U.S.C. 21103(a)(4), which, in part, require a train employee to receive 48 hours off duty after initiating an on-duty period for 6 consecutive days. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2009-0078.

In its petition, ASLRRA seeks to amend its previously filed petition for extension of the waiver to add the three railroads referenced above, which did not participate in ASLRRA's original

petition for a waiver extension, to Exhibit A of ASLRRA's waiver. FRA granted ASLRRA's petition for a waiver extension in a letter dated February 27, 2012. The waiver allows a train employee to initiate an on-duty period each day for 6 consecutive days followed by 24 hours, rather than 48 hours, off duty.

Each railroad that seeks to be added to the waiver has executed a compliance letter that attests that it has complied with all of the employee consent requirements that FRA originally set forth in its initial decision letter, dated March 5, 2010. Additionally, each railroad will maintain in its files for FRA inspection the underlying employee consent or employee representative consent documents.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2013-0104]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated September 13, 2013, the New York and Lake Erie Railroad (NYLE) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR 223.11, *Requirements for existing locomotives*. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2013-0104.

This petition relates to operation of Montreal Locomotive Works (MLW) Locomotive FPA-2U, Reporting Marks NYLE 6758, and Locomotive FPA-4, Reporting Marks NYLE 6764, that are prohibited from operation on the general system of railroads without window glazing that meets the requirements of 49 CFR 223.11. These locomotives are in tourist/excursion service and operate on approximately 31 miles of track in rural Cattaraugus and Chautauqua Counties in western New York State. The locomotives were previously covered under Waiver FRA-1998-4822 when they were in biweekly service on NYLE's sister railroad, the Oil Creek and Titusville Lines (OCTL) in rural northwestern Pennsylvania. OCTL never had problems with window breakage due to vandalism and never had to replace glass due to breakage from flying objects. Maximum authorized speed on NYLE is 25 mph, the same as it was on OCTL. The cost of installing compliant glazing on these historic locomotives remains prohibitively expensive.