

unions, or environmental groups, etc.) or state or local government” (For further information, see the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (LDA) as amended, 2 U.S.C. 1603, 1604, and 1605).

If you wish to become a member of the Loadmaster Certification Working Group, contact the person listed under the caption **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** expressing that desire. Describe your interest in the task and state the expertise you would bring to the working group. The FAA must receive all requests by June 13, 2016. The ARAC and the FAA will review the requests and advise you whether or not your request is approved.

If you are chosen for membership on the working group, you must actively participate in the working group, attend all meetings, and provide written comments when requested. You must devote the resources necessary to support the working group in meeting any assigned deadlines. You must keep your management and those you may represent advised of working group activities and decisions to ensure the proposed technical solutions do not conflict with the position of those you represent. Once the working group has begun deliberations, members will not be added or substituted without the approval of the ARAC Chair, the FAA, including the Designated Federal Officer, and the Working Group Chair.

The Secretary of Transportation determined the formation and use of the ARAC is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the FAA by law. The ARAC meetings are open to the public. However, meetings of the Loadmaster Certification Working Group are not open to the public, except to the extent individuals with an interest and expertise are selected to participate. The FAA will make no public announcement of working group meetings.

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**Lirio Liu,**

*Designated Federal Officer, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

#### Sunshine Act Meetings; Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors Meeting.

**TIME AND DATE:** The meeting will be held on June 8, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

**PLACE:** The meetings will be open to the public at the Courtyard Providence Downtown by Marriott, 32 Exchange Terrace at Memorial Blvd., Providence, RI 02903, and via conference call. Those not attending the meetings in person may call 1-877-422-1931, passcode 2855443940, to listen and participate in the meetings.

**STATUS:** Open to the public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** The Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors (the Board) will continue its work in developing and implementing the Unified Carrier Registration Plan and Agreement and to that end, may consider matters properly before the Board.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Avelino Gutierrez, Chair, Unified Carrier Registration Board of Directors at (505) 827-4565.

Issued on: May 6, 2016.

**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2016-0046]

#### 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 April 28, 2016, Union Railroad (UR) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for renewal of a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 229—Railroad Locomotive Safety Standards. This regulatory relief was initially granted by FRA in 1980 and is due to expire in 2017 under the “sunset clause” added to 49 CFR 229.19—*Prior waivers*, in 2012. This relief was formerly handled under Docket Number LI-80-24; however FRA has updated the docket numbering system and assigned this petition Docket Number FRA-2016-0046.

The waiver in Docket Number LI-80-24 granted UR relief from the requirement of 49 CFR 229.123—*Pilots,*

*snowplows, end plates*, that locomotives be equipped with a pilot, snowplow, or end plate extending across both rails for 121 locomotives, 32 of which remain in service. These locomotives are not equipped with a pilot, snowplow, or end plate but have hose boxes or brackets above the rails with open space between. UR states that these locomotives operate over yard and mainline track, within and between three steel mills. The total track length of UR is 20 miles, with three public grade crossings (two with gates and flashers, one with flashers only) and trains are limited to 20 mph. UR reports that there have been no known safety-related incidents or operating difficulties associated with this waiver.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://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.

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 June 27, 2016 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.). In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at [www.dot.gov/privacy](http://www.dot.gov/privacy). See also <http://www.regulations.gov/#!privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of regulations.gov.

**Robert C. Lauby,**

*Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety, Chief Safety Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2016-0034]

#### Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with part 211 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated April 8, 2016, Portland and Western Railroad (PNWR), owned by Genesee & Wyoming, has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR 213.234, *Automated inspection of track constructed with concrete crossties*. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2016-0034.

PNWR requests a waiver of compliance from 49 CFR 213.234(b)(3), which requires an annual automated inspection of track constructed with concrete crossties. PNWR's proposal identifies a 16.8-mile segment of track constructed with concrete crossties and indicates that 160 commuter trains per week operate over it, as well as an annual 5 million gross tons of freight traffic.

PNWR submits that because there is relatively light wheel loading of commuter trains, which are limited to 60 mph, and freight operations, due to a 40 mph speed limit, it is unnecessary to conduct annual automated inspections on this concrete crosstie segment. In lieu of annual automated inspection, PNWR proposes to (1) provide annual training and inspection procedures to identify and report exceptions to conditions described in 49

CFR 213.109(d)(4) involving all 213.7-qualified persons responsible for supervision and inspection of the TriMet Westside Express Service track segment; (2) conduct bi-annual walking inspections to detect noncompliant track conditions including rail seat deterioration; and (3) supplement walking inspection with twice-annual inspections with a hi-rail vehicle instrumented with a Track Geometry Measurement System.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://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.

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.
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Communications received by June 27, 2016 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable.

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**Robert C. Lauby,**

*Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety, Chief Safety Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2016-0048]

#### 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 April 27, 2016, Norfolk Southern Railway (NS) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval for the discontinuance or modification of a signal system. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2016-0048.

*Applicant:* Norfolk Southern Railway, Mr. B. L. Sykes, Chief Engineer, C&S Engineering, 1200 Peachtree Street NE., Atlanta, GA 30309.

NS seeks approval of the modification of Control Point (CP) Cast East End on the New Castle District, CF Main Line, Milepost (MP) CF 101.8 at New Castle, IN.

CP Cast East End will be replaced with a hold-out signal, located at MP CF 102.38, and the power-operated switch will be replaced with a hand-operated switch with an electric lock.

These changes are being proposed to improve operations in the area.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://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.

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