

John A. Valusek (ND)  
Owen W. Witmer (PA)

The following eight applicants did not have three years of recent experience driving a CMV on public highways with their vision deficiencies:

Monte L. Albrecht (CO)  
Gary J. Bouchard (ME)  
Henry Darden (MD)  
Mark P. Gilbert (MT)  
Charles W. McClister (PA)  
Jason J. Oaks (SD)  
James L. Ross (TX)  
Mark J. Simmer (MA)

The following five applicants did not have sufficient driving experience over the past three years under normal highway operating conditions (gaps in driving record):

Robert J. Campbell (ND)  
Timothy V. Compton (CA)  
Jordan D. Mahoney (MN)  
Gale L. O'Neil (PA)  
Gary Peach (IN)

The following applicant, Christopher T. Sides (ME), contributed to accident(s) in which the applicant was operating a CMV, which is a disqualifying offense.

The following applicant, Keith Hauenstein (PA), did not have an optometrist or ophthalmologist willing to make a statement that they are able to operate a commercial vehicle from a vision standpoint.

The following seven applicants were denied for multiple reasons:

McVay Chambers (LA)  
Narciso L. Ferreira (ID)  
Nicholas Piscitelli (NJ)  
Louis J. Scheele (IN)  
Terry A. Smith (IA)  
James H. Ward (NC)  
Dana J. York (PA)

The following two applicants have not had stable vision for the preceding three-year period:

Plynie A. Deen (GA); and Bret A. Herbolsheimer (WA)

The following three applicants drove interstate while restricted to intrastate driving:

Raul Alcalde (CA); Joseph N. Fulton (SC); and Heriberto R. Perez (TX)

Issued on: November 5, 2018.

**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2018-0094]

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

Under part 235 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), this document provides the public notice that on October 31, 2018, Canadian National Railway Company (CN) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval to discontinue or modify a signal system. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2018-0094.

Applicant: Canadian National Railway Company, Mr. Tom Hilliard, Assistant Chief S&C—Southern Region, 17641 S Ashland Avenue, Homewood, IL 60430.

The U.S.-based operating railroad subsidiary of CN, Illinois Central Railroad Company requests approval to permanently remove the Automatic Block Signal (ABS) system between Mile Post (MP) 725.9 on the Canton Subdivision and MP 728.6 on the McComb Subdivision, located near Jackson, Mississippi.

CN states the reason for the proposed change is that the track connection with Yazoo and McComb Subdivisions has been retired so the Canton Subdivision does not connect with Yazoo Subdivision or McComb Subdivision at this location. This makes the ABS system unnecessary for a stub track. Operation over this territory will be conducted using Yard Limit United States Operating Rule requirements.

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 parties desire an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, 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:

- *Website:* <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 December 31, 2018 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

Anyone can 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](http://www.regulations.gov).

Issued in Washington, DC.

**Robert C. Lauby,**

*Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety Chief Safety Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2018-0008-N-9]

#### Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) and its implementing regulations, FRA seeks approval of the Information Collection

Requests (ICRs) abstracted below. Before submitting these ICRs to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval, FRA is soliciting public comment on specific aspects of the activities identified below.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 14, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the ICRs activities by mail to either: Mr. Robert Brogan, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Office of Railroad Safety, Regulatory Analysis Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W33-497, Washington, DC 20590; or Ms. Kim Toone, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Office of Information Technology, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W34-212, Washington, DC 20590. Commenters requesting FRA to acknowledge receipt of their respective comments must include a self-addressed stamped postcard stating, "Comments on OMB Control Number 2130-XXXX," (the relevant OMB control number for each ICR is listed below) and should also include the title of the ICR. Alternatively, comments may be faxed to (202) 493-6216 or (202) 493-6497, or emailed to Mr. Brogan at *Robert.Brogan@dot.gov*, or Ms. Toone at *Kim.Toone@dot.gov*. Please refer to the assigned OMB control number in any correspondence submitted. FRA will summarize comments received in response to this notice in a subsequent notice and include them in its information collection submission to OMB for approval.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Robert Brogan, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Office of Railroad Safety, Regulatory Analysis Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W33-497, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6292) or Ms. Kim Toone, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Office of Information Technology, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W34-212, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6132).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520, and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to provide 60-days' notice to the public to allow comment on information collection activities before seeking OMB approval of the activities. See 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.8 through 1320.12. Specifically, FRA invites interested parties to comment on the following ICRs regarding: (1) Whether the information collection activities are necessary for FRA to properly execute its functions, including whether the activities will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of FRA's estimates of the burden of the information collection activities, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimates; (3) ways for FRA to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (4) ways for FRA to minimize the burden of information collection activities on the public, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of

information technology. See 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1).

FRA believes that soliciting public comment may reduce the administrative and paperwork burdens associated with the collection of information that Federal regulations require. In summary, FRA reasons that comments received will advance three objectives: (1) Reduce reporting burdens; (2) organize information collection requirements in a "user-friendly" format to improve the use of such information; and (3) accurately assess the resources expended to retrieve and produce information requested. See 44 U.S.C. 3501.

The summaries below describe the ICRs that FRA will submit for OMB clearance as the PRA requires:

*Title:* State Safety Participation Regulations and Reporting of Remedial Actions.

*OMB Control Number:* 2130-0509.

*Abstract:* The collection of information is set forth under 49 CFR part 212, and requires qualified state inspectors to provide various reports to FRA for monitoring and enforcement purposes concerning state investigative, inspection, and surveillance activities regarding railroad compliance with Federal railroad safety laws and regulations. Additionally, under 49 CFR part 209, subpart E, railroads are required to report to FRA actions taken to remedy certain alleged violations of law.

*Form Number(s):* FRA F 6180.33/61/67/96/96A/109/110/111/112/144.

*Affected Public:* Businesses.

*Respondent Universe:* States and Railroads.

*Frequency of Submission:* On occasion.

REPORTING BURDEN

CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours	Burden hours dollar equivalent cost <sup>1</sup>
Application for Participation .....	16 States .....	16 updates .....	2.5 hours .....	40	\$2,960
State Railroad Technical Training Funding Agreement.	32 States .....	32 agreements .....	1 hour .....	32	2,368
Inspector Travel Planning and Reimbursement.	32 States .....	400 vouchers .....	1 hour .....	400	29,600
212.109—Annual Work Plan .....	32 States .....	1,862 reports .....	5 hours .....	9,310	688,940
Inspection Form (FRA F 6180.96) .....	32 States .....	69,885 forms .....	15 minutes .....	17,471	1,292,854
Violation Report—Motive, Power, and Equipment Regulations (Form FRA F 6180.109).	19 States .....	1,862 reports .....	4 hours .....	7,448	551,152
Violation Report—Operating Practices Regulations (Form FRA F 6180.67).	19 States .....	868 reports .....	4 hours .....	3,472	256,928
Violation Report—Hazardous Materials Regulations (Form FRA F 6180.110).	17 States .....	856 reports .....	4 hours .....	3,424	253,376
Violation Report—Hours of Service Law (F 6180.33).	19 States .....	103 reports .....	4 hours .....	412	30,488

REPORTING BURDEN—Continued

CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours	Burden hours dollar equivalent cost <sup>1</sup>
Violation Report—Accident/Incident Reporting Rules (Form FRA F 6180.61).	19 States .....	146 reports .....	4 hours .....	584	43,216
Violation Report—Track Safety Regulations (Form FRA F 6180.111).	26 States .....	667 reports .....	4 hours .....	2,668	197,432
Violation Report—Signal and Train Control Regulations (Form FRA F 6180.112).	14 States .....	440 reports .....	4 hours .....	1,760	130,240
209.405—Remedial Actions Reports .....	566 Railroads .....	4,050 reports .....	15 minutes .....	1,013	74,962
209.407—Violation Report Challenge .....	566 Railroads .....	810 challenges .....	1 hour .....	810	59,940
209.407—Delayed Reports .....	695 Railroads .....	405 reports .....	30 minutes .....	203	15,022

<sup>1</sup> To determine the dollar equivalent cost for the estimated burden hours under OMB No. 2130–0509, FRA used an average hourly wage rate of \$74. FRA derived this estimate from Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data for management occupations, NAICS 99920—State Government, excluding schools and hospitals (OES Designation). To calculate the mean hourly wage of \$42.17 for this category of workers, FRA included a 75-percent charge for overhead costs. The calculation is \$42.17 per hour × 1.75 = \$73.7975 or \$74 per hour (rounded). The Web address for this data is: [https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics4\\_999200.htm#11-0000](https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics4_999200.htm#11-0000).

*Total Estimated Annual Responses:* 82,402.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden:* 49,047 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden Hour Dollar Cost Equivalent:* \$3,629,478.

*Title:* Use of Locomotive Horns at Highway-Rail Grade Crossings.

*OMB Control Number:* 2130–0560.

*Abstract:* Under 49 CFR part 222, FRA seeks to collect information from

railroads and public authorities in order to increase safety at public highway-rail grade crossings nationwide by requiring that locomotive horns be sounded when trains approach and pass through these crossings or by ensuring that a safety level at least equivalent to that provided by routine locomotive horn sounding exists for quiet zone corridors in which horns are silenced. FRA reviews applications by public authorities

intending to establish new quiet zones or, in some cases, continue pre-rule quiet zones to ensure the necessary level of safety is achieved.

*Form Number(s):* N/A.

*Affected Public:* Businesses.

*Respondent Universe:* 728 railroads/ 340 Public Authorities.

*Frequency of Submission:* On occasion.

CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours	Burden hours dollar equivalent cost
222.15—Waiver Petitions .....	784 Railroads/531 Public Authorities.	2 petitions .....	4 hours .....	8	\$584
222.39—Applications to Establish Quiet Zone.	531 Public Authorities	15 applications .....	80 hours .....	1,200	88,800
—Diagnostic Team Review .....	531 Public Authorities	3 team reviews .....	16 hours .....	48	3,504
—Updated Crossing Inventory Forms ...	531 Public Authorities	75 updated forms .....	1 hour .....	75	5,550
—Copies of Quiet Zone Application .....	531 Public Authorities	90 copies .....	10 minutes .....	15	1,110
—Comments to FRA on Quiet Zone Application.	784 Railroads/State Agencies.	30 comments .....	1.5 hours .....	45	3,285
222.43—Written Notice of Public Authority Intent to Create New Quiet Zone and Notification to Required Parties.	216 Communities/ Public Authorities.	60 notices + 180 notifications.	40 hours + 10 minutes.	2,430	179,820
—Updated Crossing Inventory Forms ...	216 Communities .....	300 updated forms .....	1 hour .....	300	22,200
—Comments on proposed Quiet Zone	784 Railroads/State Agencies.	120 comments .....	4 hours .....	480	35,040
—Notice of Quiet Zone Establishment + Notification to Required Parties.	531 Public Authorities	60 notices + 360 notifications.	40 hours + 10 minutes.	2,460	182,040
—Updated Crossing Inventory Forms ...	531 Public Authorities	300 updated forms .....	1 hour .....	300	22,200
—Certification by CEO of Public Authority Regarding Accuracy of Information.	531 Public Authorities	60 certifications .....	5 minutes .....	5	370
222.47—Periodic Updates: Written Affirmation that Supplementary Safety Measures Implemented w/in Quiet Zone Conform to Rule or Terms of Approval.	531 Public Authorities	213 written affirmations + 1,278 copies (to required parties).	30 minutes + 2 minutes.	150	11,100
—Updated Crossing Inventory Forms ...	531 Public Authorities	810 updated forms .....	1 hour .....	810	59,940
222.51—Written Commitment to Lower Risk to Traveling Public in Quiet Zones Exceeding Nationwide Significant Risk Threshold.	15 Public Authorities	10 written commitments.	5 hours .....	50	3,700
—Comments Upon FRA Review of Quiet Zone Status.	3 Public Authorities ...	2 comments .....	30 minutes .....	1	74

CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours	Burden hours dollar equivalent cost
222.55—Request for FRA Approval of New Supplementary Safety Measures/Alternative Safety Measures (ASMs) for Quiet Zone. —Comments on New SSMS or ASMs ..	265 Interested Parties/ 265 Interested Parties/General Public.	1 letter .....	30 minutes .....	1	74
—Request for SSM/ASM Approval —Demo.	265 Interested Parties	5 comments .....	30 minutes .....	3	222
222.57—Petition for FRA Review of Decision Granting or Denying a New SSM or ASM; Petition Copies to Relevant Parties. —Request for FRA Reconsideration of Disapproval of Quiet Zone + Party Copies. —Additional Documents to FRA as Follow-up to Petition for Reconsideration.	531 Public Authorities/Interested Parties. 531 Public Authorities 531 Public Authorities	1 petition + 5 petition copies. 1 letter + 6 letter copies. 1 additional document/set of materials.	60 minutes + 2 minutes. 5 hours + 2 minutes. 2 hours .....	1 5 2	74 370 148
—Letter Requesting FRA Informal Hearing.	531 Public Authorities	1 letter .....	30 minutes .....	1	74
222.59—Written Notice of Use of Wayside Horn at Grade Crossing within Quiet Zone + Party Copies. —Notice of Wayside Horn Outside Quiet Zone.	531 Public Authorities 531 Public Authorities	5 notices + 30 notice copies. 5 notices + 30 notice copies.	2.5 hours + 10 minutes. 2.5 hours + 10 minutes.	18 18	1,332 1,332
Appendix B—Public Authority Record Relating to Monitoring and Sampling Efforts at Grade Crossing in Quiet Zone with Programmed Enforcement. —Public Authority Record Relating to Monitoring and Sampling Efforts at Grade Crossing in Quiet Zone with Photo Enforcement.	531 Public Authorities 531 Public Authorities	1 record .....	500 hours .....	500	37,000
222.129—Written Reports/Records of Locomotive Horn Testing.	784 Railroads .....	300 reports/records ...	60 minutes .....	300	21,900

Total Estimated Responses: 4,362.  
 Total Estimated Annual Burden: 9,236 hours.  
 Total Estimated Annual Burden Hour Dollar Cost Equivalent: \$681,983.  
 Under 44 U.S.C. 3507(a) and 5 CFR 1320.5(b) and 1320.8(b)(3)(vi), FRA informs all interested parties that it may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Railroad Administration**

[Docket Number FRA–2009–0078]

**Petition for Waiver of Compliance**

Under part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice

that on September 20, 2018, the American Short Line Railroad Association (ASLRRA) 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 six consecutive days. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2009–0078.

ASLRRA’s waiver of 49 U.S.C. 21103(a)(4)(A), granted under the terms and conditions contained in FRA’s initial March 5, 2010 decision letter, and extended by FRA’s decision letter dated February 27, 2012, permits participating railroads to allow train employees to work six consecutive days followed by 24 hours of rest before returning to work. One condition of the waiver excludes work occurring between the hours of midnight and six a.m. ASLRRA requests to expand the waiver to include work between the hours of midnight and six a.m. for those railroads identified in the petition who agree to participate in this Pilot Project. ASLRRA contends “the data justifies a

pilot project to test its preliminary conclusion that appropriate mitigation techniques can adequately offset fatigue risks associated with extending the waiver from midnight to six a.m.”

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.

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