

receiving comments on or before April 19, 2004.

If there are any questions regarding this correction, please contact Dan Vornea, Project Manager, New York Airports District Office, 600 Old Country Road, Suite 446, Garden City, NY 11530, telephone no. (516) 227-3812. The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

Issued in Garden City, New York on March 25, 2004.

Philip Brito,

Manager, NYADO, Eastern Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for Extension of Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), §§ 211.9 and 211.41 notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has received a request for extension of a waiver of compliance from certain requirements of Federal railroad safety regulations. The individual petition is described below, including the parties seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

National Railroad Passenger Corporation

Union Pacific Railroad

[Docket Number FRA-2002-12836]

The Union Pacific Railroad (UP) and the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) seek to extend a waiver of compliance from certain sections of 49 CFR parts 216, Special Notice and Emergency Order Procedures; Railroad Track, Locomotive and Equipment; 217, Railroad Operating Rules; 218, Railroad Operating Practices; 229, Railroad Locomotive Safety Standards; 233, Signal Systems Reporting Requirements; 235, Instructions Governing Applications for Approval of a Discontinuance or Material Modification of a Signal System or Relief from the Requirements of part 236; 236, Rules, Standards, and Instructions Governing the Installation, Inspection, Maintenance, and Repair of Signal and Train Control Systems, Devices, and Appliances; and 240, Qualification and Certification of Locomotive Engineers, under section 211.51, Tests, to allow them to develop, implement and test technology designed

to prevent train collisions, overspeed violations, and protect roadway workers.

On October 16, 2002, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) conditionally approved the joint Union Pacific Railroad (UP) and National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) Petition for Waiver of Compliance FRA-2002-12836.

The waiver is for a program that will enable the industry to demonstrate and validate the technology, referred to as Positive Train Control, (PTC) before it is implemented in a larger scale.

The PTC program will be tested and demonstrated on approximately 118.4 miles of UP track in the State of Illinois with the following conditions:

1. The submittal of, and adherence to, a test plan for each segment being tested that has been reviewed and will be monitored by the FRA. The test plan is subject to approval by the FRA test monitor with respect to the safety of railroad employees and members of the public. The test monitor will provide advice with respect to tests that may bear favorably on FRA's review of the train control system.

2. The railroad must place appropriately equipped flaggers in each lane of traffic at all public and private highway-rail grade crossings, or close any private crossing when an appropriately equipped flagger cannot be provided, along the demonstration route whenever a run of 80 mph or above is being conducted.

3. Operate under absolute block conditions for each run of 80 mph or higher or under any conditions where wayside signal indications will not be observed.

4. Inspect high-speed demonstration corridor with FRA's automated track geometry vehicle to ensure track compliance with FRA's Track Safety Standards. (Initial inspection was completed.)

5. Waiver is granted until August 31, 2004, unless the UP notifies the FRA of an earlier termination date.

These tests must be made in a safe and reliable manner, and to that end FRA would expect UP and Amtrak to support each other and to provide for the continuity of operating employees involved in these tests.

These conditions were transmitted to Amtrak and the UP Railroad in a letter from Mr. Grady Cothen to Mr. Dennis Duffy on October 22, 2002. A specific listing of the details of the approval concerning applicable 49 CFR parts appears in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 67, No. 146, Tuesday, July 30, 2002, pages 49382 through 49386.

Test trains have been operated at speeds over 110 mph in this territory in full compliance with the waiver herein described. Much was accomplished in these tests. Much data has been collected, and the System Integrator of this system is currently deeply involved in the integration of the system.

An exhaustive investigation of all possible failure modes of the system is being conducted in order to be able to certify the fail-safety of the system. This process has turned out to require a significantly longer time frame than originally anticipated. In view of this, the railroad is now requesting an extension of Condition Number 5 so that a request is made that Condition Number 5 "Waiver is granted until August 31, 2004 unless the UP notifies the FRA of an earlier termination date" be changed to read "Waiver is granted until December 31, 2005."

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 (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2002-12836) and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Communications received within 30 days from the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) at the above facility. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78). The

Statement may also be found at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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John Leeds,

Director for Safety Analysis.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System or Relief from the Requirements of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 236

Pursuant to title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 235 and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), the following railroads have petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval for the discontinuance or modification of the signal system or relief from the requirements of 49 CFR part 236 as detailed below.

Docket Number FRA-2004-17192

Applicant: Alaska Railroad Corporation, Mr. Russell J. Frazier, Director Signal and Telecommunications, P.O. Box 107500, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARR) seeks relief from the requirements of the Rules, Standard and Instructions, 49 CFR 236.110, to the extent that each test record, need not be signed by the person making the inspection or test, in lieu of implementing an electronic system to record and maintain signal inspection records that provide inherent security measures that uniquely identify the person as the author of the record. Once a record is entered and verified, it cannot be modified. In conjunction with this relief, ARR also requests the utilization of an electronic system for recording and maintaining applicable inspection and test records as defined in 49 CFR part 234, subject to approval by the Associate Administrator for Safety, as required by § 234.273.

Applicant's justification for relief: ARR believes that the electronic system will serve the best interest of ARR and the Federal and State Inspection Authorities that are required to inspect records, and anticipate the system will provide many benefits, including:

- Improved availability of test records
- Improved management reporting of compliance
- Improved consistency for filing records
- A reduction in the need for paper documentation

Any interested party desiring to protest the granting of an application shall set forth specifically the grounds upon which the protest is made, and contain a concise statement of the interest of the Protester in the proceeding. Additionally, one copy of the protest shall be furnished to the applicant at the address listed above.

All communications concerning this proceeding should be identified by the docket number and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PI-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by the FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) at DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PI-401 (Plaza Level), 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FRA wishes to inform all potential commenters that anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78) or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FRA expects to be able to determine these matters without an oral hearing. However, if a specific request for an oral hearing is accompanied by a showing that the party is unable to adequately present his or her position by written statements, an application may be set for public hearing.

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Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,

Acting Associate Administrator for Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Reports, Forms and Record Keeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collections and their expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period was published on January 23, 2004 (69 FR 3425).

DATES: OMB approval has been requested by May 5, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gayle Dalrymple at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Office of Crash Avoidance Standards, 202-366-5559. 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Title: Exemption from the Make Inoperative Prohibition.

OMB Number: 2127-0635.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: On February 27, 2001 NHTSA published a final rule (66 FR 12638) to facilitate the modification of motor vehicle so that persons with disabilities can use the vehicle. The regulation is found at 49 CFR part 595 Subpart C—Vehicle Modifications to Accommodate People with Disabilities. This final rule included two "collections of information," as that term is defined in 5 CFR part 1320 Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public: modifier identification and a document to be provided to the owner of the modified vehicle stating the exemptions used for that vehicle and any reduction in load carrying capacity of the vehicle of more than 100 kg (220 lbs).

Affected Public: Business that modify vehicles, after the first retail sale, so that the vehicle may be used by persons with disabilities.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 770 hours and \$9.40.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, within 30 days, to the Office of Information and