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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 No. FRA-2000-7038*

Applicant: Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway, Mr. William G. Peterson, Director Signal Engineering, 4515 Kansas Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas 66106.

Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway seeks approval of the proposed modification of the traffic control system, on the single main track, at the West End of Richland, Missouri, milepost 159.6, on Springfield Division, Cuba Subdivision, consisting of the conversion of the power-operated switch to hand operation, equipped with and electric lock, and discontinuance and removal of associated controlled signals 42L, 42RA, and 42RB.

The reason given for the proposed changes is that in conjunction with a pole line elimination project, changing the track designation from a siding to storage track, and the East End of Richland being changed to electric lock.

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 Protestant in the proceeding. Additionally, one copy of the protest shall be furnished to the applicant at the address listed above.

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*Docket No. FRA-2000-6890*

Applicant: Colorado Department of Transportation, Mr. Randy Grauberger, Information Management Branch Manager, 4201 east Arkansas Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80222

Colorado Department of Transportation seeks approval of the proposed discontinuance of the automatic block signal system, on the single main track, on the Towner Rail Line, between NA Junction, milepost 869.4 and Towner, milepost 747.5, on the former Union Pacific Railroad's Kansas Division, Hoisington Subdivision, a distance of approximately 122 miles, in southeastern Colorado. The proposal stipulates that signals 8677, 8694, and 8695 will remain in service, while all other discontinued signals will be turned and bagged.

The reasons given for the proposed changes are that the lease or operation of the Towner Line, by a short line railroad operator, will normally result in the scheduling of only one train on the line at any given time during the initial years of operation, and that a Track Warrant Control method of operation will provide operational safety in the event that it becomes necessary to operate more than one train at a time on the line.

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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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

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*Docket No. FRA-2000-6923*

*Applicant:* CSX Transportation, Incorporated, Mr. E.G. Peterson, Assistant Chief Engineer, Design and Construction, 4901 Belfort Road, Suite 130 (S/C J-350), Jacksonville, Florida 32256.

CSX Transportation Incorporated seeks approval of the proposed discontinuance and removal of the manual block system (DCS Operating Rules), on the single secondary track, between Weir, milepost 13.3 and Dock, milepost 28.2, near New Bedford, Massachusetts, New Bedford Subdivision, Albany Service Lane, and

redesignation of the secondary track to an industrial track.

The reason given for the proposed changes is that density of traffic no longer warrants this type of train operation.

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 protestant 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

**[USCG-2000-7444]**

#### National Boating Safety Advisory Council; Vacancies

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard seeks applications for membership on the National Boating Safety Advisory

Council (NBSAC). NBSAC advises the Coast Guard on matters related to recreational boating safety.

**DATES:** Application forms should reach us on or before September 15, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** You may request an application form by writing to Commandant (G-OPB-1), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001; by calling 202-267-0950; or by faxing 202-267-4285. Send your application in written form to the above street address. This notice and the application form are available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. A. J. Marmo, Executive Director of NBSAC, telephone 202-267-0950, fax 202-267-4285.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Boating Safety Advisory Council (NBSAC) is a Federal advisory committee under 5 U.S.C. App. 2. It advises the Coast Guard regarding regulations and other major boating safety matters. NBSAC members are drawn equally from the following sectors of the boating community: State officials responsible for State boating safety programs; recreational boat and associated equipment manufacturers; and national recreational boating organizations and the general public. Members are appointed by the Secretary of Transportation.

NBSAC normally meets twice each year at a location selected by the Coast Guard. When attending meetings of the Council, members are provided travel expenses and per diem.

We will consider applications for the following six positions that expire or become vacant in December 2000: one representative of State officials responsible for State boating safety programs; two representatives of recreational boat and associated equipment manufacturers; and three representatives of national recreational boating organizations. Applicants are considered for membership on the basis of their particular expertise, knowledge, and experience in recreational boating safety. Each member serves for a term of 3 years unless filling an unexpired term. Some members may serve consecutive terms.

In support of the policy of the Department of Transportation on gender and ethnic diversity, we encourage qualified women and members of minority groups to apply.