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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad Company

[Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2003-16440]

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad Company (BNSF) seeks a waiver of compliance with the *Locomotive Safety Standards*, 49 CFR 229.23, 229.27 and 229.29, as they pertain to the requirement to maintain the locomotive repair record form FRA 6180.49A, commonly referred to as the Blue Card, in the cab of their locomotives. If granted, BNSF would maintain locomotive inspection information in a secure BNSF data base. The data base would be maintained as the required office copy of form FRA 6180.49A. A computer generated form, which contains all information currently contained on the required FRA 6180.49A, would be maintained on board the locomotive. In place of required signatures of persons performing inspections and tests, BNSF employees would be provided with a unique login identification number and a secure password to access the system and verify performance of inspections. In place of signatures, computer generated reports would block print the

name of the employee performing a required inspection and block print the employee's supervisor who is certifying that all inspections have been made and all repairs were completed. Required filing of the previous inspection record will be maintained through the data base.

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 (FRA-2003-16440) and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401 (Plaza Level), 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Communications received within 45 days of 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>.

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Long Island Rail Road

[Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2003-16265]

Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) seeks a waiver of compliance with the *Locomotive Safety Standards*, 49 CFR part 229. Section 81(b), for their fleet of "M-7-EMU" passenger locomotives and Dual-Mode Locomotives (DM30) that requires that locomotives equipped with third-rail shoes shall have a device for insulating current collecting apparatus from the third-rail. LIRR is requesting that FRA extend a previously granted waiver, LI-80-15, covering M1 & M3 Electric Multiple Unit passenger cars to include newly acquired M7 cars and DM-30 locomotives. The request indicates that the LIRR continues to utilize the Electric Operating Instructions (CT290) for rail isolation and de-energizing, which was the basis for the granting of the original waiver.

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.

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Union Pacific Railroad Company

[Docket Number FRA–2003–16442]

The Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) seeks a waiver of compliance with the *Locomotive Safety Standards*, 49 CFR part 229.25(b), as it pertains to the requirement that “all electrical devices and viable insulation shall be inspected” at each periodic inspection. If the waiver is granted, UP, as an alternate method to removing sufficient number of covers from traction motors and generators to visually inspect such equipment, would monitor ground leakage current. UP feels that monitoring ground leakage is superior to visual inspection method.

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–2003–16442) and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PL–401, Washington, DC 20590–0001. Communications received within 45 days of 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>.

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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 railroad has 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–2003–16441

Applicant: Norfolk Southern Corporation, Mr. Brian L. Sykes, Chief Engineer, C&S Engineering, 99 Spring Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Norfolk Southern Corporation seeks approval of the proposed discontinuance and removal of the automatic permissive block (APB) signal system, on all main, siding, and auxiliary tracks, between Naples, milepost W–14.7 and Tuxedo, milepost W–26.0, in North Carolina, and between Landrum, milepost W–45.0 and Inman, milepost W–56.1, in South Carolina, on the Piedmont Division, Asheville to Charleston District. The proposed changes include conversion of the method of operation to track warrant control in the area where the APB system is removed, and retention of the APB system between mileposts W–0.0 and W–14.7 and mileposts W–56.1 and W–65.1, on each end of the line segment.

The reason given for the proposed changes is that the line between Asheville, and Spartanburg is no longer needed as a through route. The Asheville to Tuxedo portion on the west end will be used for local service and CPL coal trains, while the Landrum to Spartanburg portion on the east end will be used for local service only.

Any interested party desiring to protest the granting of an application shall set forth specifically the grounds upon which the protest is made, and include a concise statement of the interest of the party 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 PL–401 (Plaza Level), 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590–0001.

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