

it is not currently part of the general railroad system of transportation, it will begin operation of tourist trains on five to ten miles of the 33 miles of track owned by the Incorporated Town of North Judson, Indiana between North Judson and LaCrosse, IN. The Chesapeake & Indiana Railroad (CKIN) conducts freight operations on 23 miles of this 33-mile rail line; however, the only common track use would be a wye track in LaCrosse. HVRM's tourist train operations would normally be conducted on weekends and would not operate at the same time as the CKIN freight trains.

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-2006-24647) 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>.

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>.

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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.

Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation

[Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2006-24562]

The Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation (Metra), further identified herein as the railroad, seeks approval for a waiver of compliance with the requirements of the *Passenger Equipment Safety Standards* contained in 49 CFR 238.309(b)(3), *Periodic brake equipment maintenance*, which requires that brake equipment receive periodic maintenance at 736 days. Metra requests an extension of the time period to 1840 days for 26 new bi-level electric passenger MU's.

The twenty-six new electric MU locomotives for which the relief is being requested are being built by Sumitomo Corporation of America/Nippon Sharyo and the air brake system is provided by Knorr Brake Corporation in Westminster, Maryland. The railroad explains that the brake application is transmitted electronically to each MU's Friction Brake Control Unit (FBCU). The FBCU then provides the requested brake application without drawing down brake pipe pressure. An Emergency Magnetic Valve (EMV) is provided on each MU for an electronic emergency brake application.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. Each comment shall set forth specifically the basis upon which it is made, and contain a concise statement of the interest of the commenter in the proceeding. 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-2006-24562) 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 30 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 available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's Web site: <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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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 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 Number FRA-2006-24706]

Applicant: MTA Long Island Rail Road, Mr. Brian J. Finn, Chief Engineer, Jamaica Station, Jamaica, New York 11435-4380.

The Long Island Rail Road Company (LIRR) seeks relief from the requirements of the Rules, Standard and Instructions, Title 49 CFR, Part 236, § 236.51, Track circuit requirements, to the extent that the LIRR be permitted to utilize single rail track circuits which do not provide for broken rail protection, in the vicinity of a new LIRR terminal called Vanderbilt Yard (VD Yard). The LIRR is working to rebuild the existing VD Yard and replace it with a modern interlocked yard. The location of the project is in Brooklyn, New York, on the LIRR's Atlantic Branch line, between existing Brook 1 and 2 Interlockings.

Applicant's Justification for Relief

(1) The track speed for these circuits will be restricted to 5 mph.

(2) The signal aspect proposed for the affected tracks will be "Restricting."

(3) The existing Brook 1 Interlocking at Flatbush Avenue contains existing single rail track circuits, permitted by the granting of a previous waiver application.

(4) Passenger service will not be provided on the yard tracks except for an emergency detour route that will allow a passenger train to bypass the main tracks if both main tracks are blocked.

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 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. 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 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>.

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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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-03-15852]

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Request for Public Comments and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Approval of a New Information Collection as Required by the Final Rule Titled "Pipeline Safety: Public Awareness Programs for Hazardous Liquid and Gas Pipeline Operators."

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

SUMMARY: This notice requests public participation in the OMB approval process for a new PHMSA information collection related to a final rule requiring pipeline operators to establish public awareness programs. In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) described below has been forwarded to OMB for an approval of a new collection. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and the expected burden. PHMSA received no comments in response to a request for comment on the information collection during the rulemaking. The final rule was published on May 19, 2005. The

purpose of this notice is to allow the public an additional 30 days from the date of this notice to submit comments in the information collection.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 6, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention DOT Desk Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Blaine Keener by phone at (202) 366-0970, or by e-mail at blaine.keener@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: PHMSA invites comments on whether the collection of information related to the final rule requiring pipeline operators to establish public awareness programs is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. PHMSA solicited comments on this information collection request as part of the rulemaking but received no comments. PHMSA published a Final Rule on May 19, 2005 (70 FR 28833).

As used in this notice, "information collection" includes all work related to preparing and disseminating information related to this recordkeeping requirement including completing paperwork, gathering information and conducting telephone calls.

Type of Information Collection Request: New Collection.

Title of Information Collection: Public Awareness Program.

Respondents: 22,500 Hazardous liquid and natural gas pipeline operators.

Estimated Total Burden on Respondents: 517,480 hours.

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