

will be replaced by constructing a single tunnel to carry the railroad under both Main Street and Merchants Row. The general purposes of the project are to improve safety, address the deteriorated conditions that have developed at both bridges, and to meet current roadway and railroad design standards. Because of the foreseeable need to provide for increased rail height during the design life of the structure, the project includes lowering the grade of the railroad for approximately 3,600 feet along the rail corridor. The actions by the Federal agencies, and the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the Revised Environmental Assessment (REA) for the project, approved on July 21, 2017, in the FHWA Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) issued on July 21, 2017, and/or in other documents in the FHWA project files. The REA, FONSI, and other project records are available by contacting the FHWA or the Vermont Agency of Transportation at the addresses provided above. The FHWA REA and FONSI can also be viewed and downloaded from the project Web site at <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/projects/middlebury/environmental-assessment-individual-chapters>.

This notice applies to all Federal agency decisions as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to:

1. *General*: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [42 U.S.C. 4321–4351]; Federal-Aid Highway Act [23 U.S.C. 109 and 23 U.S.C. 128].
2. *Land*: Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 [49 U.S.C. 303].
3. *Wildlife*: Endangered Species Act [16 U.S.C. 1531–1544 and Section 1536], Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act [16 U.S.C. 661–667(d)].
4. *Historic and Cultural Resources*: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended [16 U.S.C. 470(f) *et seq.*].
5. *Executive Orders*: E.O. 11990, Protection of Wetlands; E.O. 11988, Floodplain Management; E.O. 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA–2006–25837]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on July 27, 2017, the Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at Title 49 CFR part 219, *Control of Alcohol and Drug Use*. FRA assigned the petition docket number FRA–2006–25837.

CATS has provided rail fixed guideway public transit service in the Charlotte, North Carolina metropolitan area since 2007 with its original 9.6-mile Blue Line system that operates from South Charlotte to Center City Charlotte. This portion features a shared corridor with Norfolk Southern Railway (NS), including separation of track centers by 40 feet or more and limited connections with NS at two shared highway-rail grade crossings at East Hebron Street and Sweden Road. CATS and NS signal and train control employees maintain their own respective crossing equipment. CATS is currently constructing a 9.3-mile extension of this Blue Line (LYNX BLE) which will provide service from Center City Charlotte to a terminus on the University of North Carolina campus with revenue service expected to begin by March 31, 2018. This extension will again share a corridor with NS, including a 75-foot track center separation and one limited connection with NS at a shared highway-rail grade crossing at 16th Street. CATS employees will continue to maintain crossing equipment on the CATS side of the corridor only, with NS employees maintaining the equipment on the NS side.

CATS seeks relief from 49 CFR part 219 because it is already in compliance with Federal Transit Administration drug and alcohol regulations at 49 CFR part 655. CATS asserts this compliance provides an equivalent level of safety consistent with FRA's alcohol and drug regulations in part 219. CATS states that such a waiver will not result in any

reduction in safety at the highway rail grade crossings it shares with NS and will preserve consistency throughout the CATS system for already-existing alcohol and drug policies.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at 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:

- *Web site*: <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 September 29, 2017 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.). Under 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, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL–14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See

also <https://www.regulations.gov/privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov).

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John Karl Alexy,

Director, Office of Safety Analysis.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[PHMSA-2016-0009] NEXUS Gas Transmission, L.L.C.; [PHMSA-2016-0072] Magellan Midstream Partners, L.P.; Pipeline Safety: Requests for Special Permit

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

ACTION: Notice and extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) is extending the public comment period by 60 days for two special permit requests and to announce that the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for each request is now available in the respective docket for review and comments. At the conclusion of the extended comment period, PHMSA will review the comments received for each notice as part of its evaluation to grant or deny the special permit requests.

DATES: Submit any comments regarding either of these special permit requests by October 16, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- **Fax:** 1-202-366-4566.
- **Mail or Hand Delivery:** Docket Management System: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: You should identify the docket number for the special permit request you are commenting on at the beginning of your comments. If you submit your comments by mail, please submit two copies. To receive confirmation that PHMSA has received your comments, please include a self-addressed stamped postcard showing

the special permit number. Comments should reference the docket number for the specific special permit request and may be submitted in the following ways:

Note: Comments including any personal information provided, are posted without changes or edits to <http://www.regulations.gov>. There is a privacy statement published on <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

General: Ms. Kay McIver by telephone at (202) 366-0113, or by email at Kay.McIver@dot.gov.

Technical: Mr. Steve Nanney by telephone at (713) 628-7479, or by email at Steve.Nanney@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: PHMSA has received two special permit requests from:

1. NEXUS Gas Transmission, L.L.C. (NEXUS), seeking a waiver from the Federal odorization regulations of 49 CFR 192.625, and
2. Magellan Midstream Partners, L.P., (Magellan) seeking a waiver from 49 CFR 195.432, to allow for a transitional staged breakout tank inspection schedule.

Notice of the special permits requests were published in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 2016, (81 FR 9075) and September 12, 2016, (81 FR 62796), respectively. The special permit requests include a technical analysis and DEA provided by the operators and are available at <http://www.regulations.gov> under their assigned docket numbers. We invite interested persons to participate by reviewing the special permit requests and DEAs and submitting written comments, data, or other views. Please include any comments on potential safety and environmental impacts that may result if each special permit is granted.

Before issuing a decision on the special permit requests, PHMSA will evaluate all comments received on or before the comments closing date. Comments received after the closing date will be evaluated if it is possible to do so without incurring additional expense or delay. PHMSA will consider each relevant comment we receive in making our decision to grant or deny the requests.

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Alan K. Mayberry,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0038]

Agency Information Collection

Activity: Information From Remarried Widow/er

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before October 16, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov or to Nancy Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 or email to nancy.kessinger@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0038" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 632-8924 or fax (202) 632-8925.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the