

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.

Heber Valley Historic Railroad Authority

[Docket Number FRA-2000-7413]

The Heber Valley Historic Railroad Authority seeks a waiver of compliance with the *Inspection and Maintenance Standards for Steam Locomotives*, 49 CFR part 230, published November 17, 1999. Section 230.3(c) of the standards requires steam locomotives having flue tubes replaced prior to September 25, 1995, have a *one thousand four hundred seventy-two service day inspection* (49 CFR 230.17) performed prior to being allowed to operate under the requirements of part 230. The Heber Valley Historic Railroad Authority seeks this waiver for one locomotive number 618 which had the flue tubes replaced and was returned to service May 13, 1995, one hundred-fifty-five days prior to the cut off date published in part 230.

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-2000-7413) 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 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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In accordance with Part 219 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.

Indiana Northeastern Railroad Company

[Docket Number FRA-2001-9014]

The Indiana Northeastern Railroad Company (IN) seeks a permanent waiver of compliance, docket number FRA-2001-9014, from the requirements of the Control of Alcohol and Drug Use, 49 CFR Part 219, Subpart G, which requires the railroad to have a random alcohol and drug testing program. IN seeks a waiver for total relief from the requirement to have a random alcohol and drug testing program because of the serious financial burdens the costs of both the training and the hours involved to implement this program will place on the railroad operation as a small entity.

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-2001-9014) 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 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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North Star Rail

[Docket Number FRA-2001-8961]

The North Star Rail seeks a waiver of compliance with the *Inspection and Maintenance Standards for Steam Locomotives*, 49 CFR part 230, published November 17, 1999. Section 230.3(c) of the standards requires steam locomotives having flue tubes replaced prior to September 25, 1995, have a *one thousand four hundred seventy-two service day inspection* (49 CFR 230.17) performed prior to being allowed to operate under the requirements. North Star Rail seeks this waiver for one locomotive number 261 which was built in 1944. The railroad's records indicate the locomotive was overhauled and had the flue tubes replaced in 1993. Since the overhaul the locomotive has operated under steam a total of 240 days. North Star Rail states that the locomotive is stored year round indoors in a modern shop facility.

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-2001-8961) 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 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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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System or Relief From Requirements

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-2001-9020

Applicant: Canadian National/Illinois Central, Mr. L.W. Winn, Manager-Signal & Communications, 2921 Horn Lake Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38109.

The Illinois Central Railroad seeks approval of the proposed discontinuance and removal of the automatic block signal system, on the single main track of the Gulf Division,

between milepost 394.7 and milepost 397.5, on the Memphis Subdivision, and between milepost 397.5 and milepost 398.2, on the Grenada Subdivision, near Memphis, Tennessee.

The reason given for the proposed changes is that the signal system is no longer necessary, because the signal system is located wholly within the Memphis Terminal Yard Limits, where all movements must be coordinated with the person in charge of the yard.

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 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 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

Federal Railroad Administration

Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System or Relief From Requirements

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-2001-9021

Applicant: Canadian National/Illinois Central, Mr. L.W. Winn, Manager-Signal & Communications, 2921 Horn Lake Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38109.

The Illinois Central Railroad seeks approval of the proposed discontinuance and removal of the power-operated switch and associated signal arrangement, at milepost 362.5, on the Gulf Division, Baton Rouge Subdivision, near Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The reason given for the proposed changes is that the switch and signal arrangement is no longer necessary, because it is within yard limits where all movements must be coordinated with the person in charge of the yard, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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 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