

members representing environmental concerns, and two members representing Native American interests. Current members of the NPOAG ARC are as follows:

The current NPOAG consists of Heidi Williams representing general aviation; Alan Stephen, Mark Francis, and Matthew Zuccaro representing commercial air tour operators; Michael Sutton, Nicholas Miller, Mark Belles, and Dick Hingson representing environmental interests; and Leigh Kuwanwisiwma and Martin Begaye representing Native American interests. Mr. Begaye's 3-year membership expires on October 9, 2015.

### Selection

In order to retain balance within the NPOAG ARC, the FAA and NPS are seeking candidates interested in filling Mr. Begaye's soon to be expiring seat. The open seat to be filled will represent Native American interests. The FAA and NPS invite persons interested in representing Native American interests on the ARC to contact Mr. Keith Lusk (contact information is written above in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). Requests to serve on the ARC must be made to Mr. Lusk in writing and postmarked or emailed on or before October 30, 2015. The request should indicate whether or not you are a member of a Native American tribe. The request should also state what expertise you would bring to the NPOAG ARC as related to issues and concerns with aircraft flights over national parks. The term of service for NPOAG ARC members is 3 years. Current members may re-apply for another term.

On June 18, 2010, President Obama signed a Presidential Memorandum directing agencies in the Executive Branch not to appoint or re-appoint federally registered lobbyists to advisory committees and other boards and commissions. Therefore, before appointing an applicant to serve on the NPOAG, the FAA and NPS will require the prospective candidate to certify that they are not a federally registered lobbyist.

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**Keith Lusk,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

**[Docket Number FRA-2015-0043]**

#### Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated April 25, 2015, the Historic Railroad Equipment Association (HREA) has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 215—Railroad Freight Car Safety Standards and part 223—Safety Glazing Standards—Locomotives, Passenger Cars and Cabooses. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2015-0043.

Mr. David Kloke, the principal partner in HREA, is the builder and operator of the Lincoln Funeral Car replica currently on exhibition to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the operation of the Lincoln Funeral Train in 1865. Mr. Kloke is also the builder of the Leviathan #63 and the York, reproductions of 1860s era steam locomotives that are currently in operation. The Lincoln Funeral Car is to be pulled by these locomotives at various tourist railroads to commemorate the operation of the Lincoln Funeral Train. HREA requests a waiver from 49 CFR 215.123—*Defective couplers*, 215.127—*Defective draft arrangement*, and 215.129—*Defective cushioning device* as it pertains to the use of a drawbar instead of a coupler. The Lincoln Funeral Car will be attached to the locomotives by use of a drawbar. Further, HREA requests a waiver from 49 CFR 223.3(b)(3) as it pertains to the use of tempered automobile safety glazing instead of FRA Type I glazing.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://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 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 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 November 16, 2015 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable.

Anyone is able to 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.). In accordance with 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](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at [www.dot.gov/privacy](http://www.dot.gov/privacy). See also <http://www.regulations.gov/#!privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of regulations.gov.

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**Ron Hynes,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

**[Docket Number FRA-2015-0092]**

#### Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with part 211 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated July 30, 2015, the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association

(ASLRRA) has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for an amendment to its existing waiver of compliance in Docket Number FRA–2009–0078. Specifically, this waiver exempts certain ASLRRA member railroads from provisions of the Federal hours of service laws and regulations contained at 49 CFR 228.405(a)(3). In its petition, ASLRRA seeks to amend the waiver to include the hours of midnight to 6 a.m. for certain railroads that will participate in a pilot project to measure the effectiveness of certain measures implemented to mitigate any adverse fatigue effects that might otherwise occur if the waiver were expanded to include those hours. These railroads all currently participate in the existing waiver in Docket Number FRA–2009–0078. The pilot project will employ a mandatory napping program for employees operating under the waiver between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m. Followup data (e.g., sleep logs/diaries, self-report questionnaires, and interview responses) will be collected from participants who undertake the napping regimen and report the results. The sample size, if a paired comparison or repeated measures analysis is used, will provide sufficient statistical power to analyze the data and make appropriate generalizations to the industry as a whole. If the data supports it, ASLRRA will then seek to expand the waiver for all participating railroads to include the hours of midnight to 6 a.m. when approved mitigation measures are employed. Forty ASLRRA member railroads are proposed to be included in this pilot program. A complete list of the railroads that would like to participate may be found in ASLRRA's July 30, 2015, petition letter in Docket Number FRA–2015–0092.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://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 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 and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

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**Ron Hynes,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. AB 6 (Sub-No. 491X)]

#### **BNSF Railway Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Stearns County, Minn.**

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon approximately 0.45 miles of railroad line located between mileposts 80.66 and 81.11, in St. Joseph, Stearns County, Minn. (the Line). The Line traverses

United States Postal Service Zip Code 56374.

BNSF has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) there is no overhead traffic on the Line that would have to be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the Line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of a complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7(c) (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will become effective on October 30, 2015, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>1</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>2</sup> and interim trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by October 13, 2015. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by October 20, 2015, with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423–0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to BNSF's representative: Karl Morell & Associates, 655 15th Street NW., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

<sup>1</sup> The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Serv. Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C. 2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

<sup>2</sup> Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which is currently set at \$1,600. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).