

Grants Officer, and mailed to the recipient's responsible officer identified in the application.

Unsuccessful applicants will receive notification of the results of the application review from the ECA program office coordinating this competition.

VI.1b The following additional requirements apply to this project:

For Assistance Awards involving the Palestinian Authority: All awards made under this competition must be executed according to all relevant laws and policies regarding assistance to the Palestinian Authority. Organizations should consult with relevant Public Affairs Offices before entering into any formal arrangements or agreements with Palestinian organizations or institutions.

VI.2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements:

Terms and Conditions for the Administration of ECA agreements include the following:

Office of Management and Budget Circular A-122, "Cost Principles for Nonprofit Organizations."

Office of Management and Budget Circular A-21, "Cost Principles for Educational Institutions." OMB Circular A-87, "Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Governments".

OMB Circular No. A-110 (Revised), Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and other Nonprofit Organizations.

OMB Circular No. A-102, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants-in-Aid to State and Local Governments.

OMB Circular No. A-133, Audits of States, Local Government, and Non-profit Organizations.

Please reference the following websites for additional information: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants>. <http://exchanges.state.gov/education/grantsdiv/terms.htm#articleI>.

VI.3. Reporting Requirements: You must provide ECA with a hard copy original plus one copy of the following reports:

1. A final program and financial report no more than 90 days after the expiration of the award;
  2. One interim program report
  3. Financial reports
  4. Quarterly newsletters that highlight program activities and successes are strongly recommended.
- Grantees will be required to provide reports analyzing their evaluation findings to the Bureau in their regular program reports. (Please refer to IV. Application and Submission Instructions (IV.3.d.3) above for Program Monitoring and Evaluation information.

All data collected, including survey responses and contact information, must be maintained for a minimum of three years and provided to the Bureau upon request. All reports must be sent to the ECA Grants Officer and ECA Program Officer listed in the final assistance award document.

VI.4. Program Data Requirements:

Organizations awarded grants will be required to maintain specific data on program participants and activities in an electronically accessible database format that can be shared with the Bureau as required.

## VII. Agency Contacts

For questions about this announcement, contact: Anna Mussman, Office of Citizen Exchanges, ECA/PE/C/PY, Room 568, U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547. Telephone: (202) 203-7506 Fax number: (202) 203-7529, Internet address: [MussmanAP@state.gov](mailto:MussmanAP@state.gov). All correspondence with the Bureau concerning this RFGP should reference the above title and number ECA/PE/C/PY-08-13.

Please read the complete **Federal Register** announcement before sending inquiries or submitting proposals. Once the RFGP deadline has passed, Bureau staff may not discuss this competition with applicants until the proposal review process has been completed.

## VIII. Other Information

Notice:

The terms and conditions published in this RFGP are binding and may not be modified by any Bureau representative. Explanatory information provided by the Bureau that contradicts published language will not be binding. Issuance of the RFGP does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the Government. The Bureau reserves the right to reduce, revise, or increase proposal budgets in accordance with the needs of the program and the availability of funds. Awards made will be subject to periodic reporting and evaluation requirements per section VI.3 above.

Dated: December 5, 2007.

**C. Miller Crouch,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Fifth Meeting, Special Committee 215 Aeronautical Mobile Satellite (Route) Services Next Generation Satellite Services and Equipment

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of RTCA Special Committee 215, Aeronautical Mobile Satellite (Route) Services, Next Generation Satellite Services and Equipment.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a second meeting of RTCA Special Committee 215, Aeronautical Mobile Satellite (Route) Services, Next Generation Satellite Services and Equipment.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held January 22-23, 2007, at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at Continental Airlines, 600 Jefferson Street, Concourse Level—Training Room C, Houston, TX 77002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** RTCA Secretariat, 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC 20036; telephone (202) 833-9339; fax (202) 833-9434; Web site <http://www.rtca.org> for directions. POC: Mr. David Pitoniak, Phone: 713-324-3907. *Note:* Dress is Business Casual.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a Special Committee 215 meeting. The agenda will include:

- January 22:
- Opening Plenary Session (Welcome, Introductions, and Administrative Remarks, Review and Approval of Agenda for Fifth Plenary.
- Review and Approval of Fourth Meeting Summary (215-045; RTCA Paper No. 295-07/SC215-011).
- Review of Action List Outstanding Actions.
- DO-262 Normative Appendix.
  - Report from DO-262 Working Groups.
  - Review and Discussion of Remaining Sections.
- DO-270—Normative Appendix.
  - Overview of Approach for Normative Appendix.
  - Review of DO-270 Normative Appendix.
- Closing Plenary Session (Other Business, Schedule Next Plenary Meeting, Adjourn—Wednesday, January 23, 2007; 12 noon).

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability.

With the approval of the chairmen, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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**Robert L. Bostiga,**

*RTCA Advisory Committee (Acting).*

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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.

#### **The Finger Lakes Railway Corporation (Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2001-10215)**

The Finger Lakes Railway Corporation (FGLK), seeks an extension of a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of Safety Glazing Standards, 49 CFR Part 223 that requires certified glazing for four passenger coaches, Car Numbers: FGLK 7201, FGLK 7202, FGLK 7601, and FGLK 7602. In addition, FGLK petitions to add two more coaches in the waiver: FGLK 1642, and FGLK 1643.

The FGLK petition states that the cars are still operating in the same service environment with no changes to speed, or line segments and are following the conditions stipulated in the existing waiver. For the added two coaches, FGLK provided the following information in support of its petition. The cars were built in 1916, by the Harlen and Harrington Company for what used to be Norfolk & Western Railroad. The cars are all of steel construction. They were refurbished in 1989-1990, and used on the Maine Coast Railroad for excursion until 2002,

when the cars were moved to New York State for use on the Niagara and Western New York Railroad excursion train.

The cars have been stored on FGLK in Geneva, New York, since October 2004. The current windows are sealed 3/8" thick safety glass in Adlake Company Frames. There is no damage to the windows at this time. In all aspects, these two cars will be utilized in the same manner and in the same locations as the four cars currently operating under Docket Number FRA-2001-10215.

FGLK has requested updated quotations for FRA-compliant replacement window glass. These costs reflect the application of 49 CFR Part 223, glass into all passenger coaches currently operating under Docket Number FRA-2001-10215, and the two additional coaches that are being requested in this petition. FGLK stated that glass replacement continues to be an extremely high cost for an excursion operation and would jeopardize any chance of profitability for such operation for quite some time.

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-2001-10215) 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 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://www.regulations.gov>.

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 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 19477-19478).

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**Grady C. Cothen, Jr.**

*Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### Petition for Waiver of Compliance

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#### **The Oregon Pacific Railroad (Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2007-28096)**

The Oregon Pacific Railroad (OPR), seeks a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of Safety Glazing Standards, 49 CFR part 223 that requires certified glazing for four self-propelled switcher locomotives.

OPR operates on two disconnected rail lines in the Portland area consisting of the former East Portland Traction Company and Molalla Western Railway, which were merged in 1997, to become the OPR. Over the years, a waiver was granted in 1993, for several of the units. An upturn in business has required placing several units not in compliance into service, as follows: