

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Sixth Meeting: RTCA Special Committee 225, Rechargeable Lithium Batteries and Battery Systems, Small and Medium Size**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of RTCA Special Committee 225, Rechargeable Lithium Batteries and Battery Systems, Small and Medium Size.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of the sixth meeting of RTCA Special Committee 225, Rechargeable Lithium Batteries and Battery Systems, Small and Medium Size.

DATES: The meeting will be held February 28–29, 2012, from 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at RTCA, Inc., 1150 18th Street NW., Suite 910, Washington, DC, 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The RTCA Secretariat, 1150 18th Street NW., Suite 910, Washington, DC, 20036, or by telephone at (202) 833–9339, fax at (202) 833–9434, or Web site at <http://www.rtca.org>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92–463, 5 U.S.C., App.), notice is hereby given for a meeting of Special Committee 225. The agenda will include the following:

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- Welcome, Introductions, and Administrative Remarks
- Review of the meeting agenda.
- Review and approval of summary from the 5th plenary meeting.
- Review SC–225 schedule for Plenaries, working group meetings, and document preparation.
- Review action items.
- Review of current events with Li-Ion Batteries (15 min).
- Results of EFB thermal runaway on flightdeck (smoke and toxic gases).
- RTCA Workspace Demo.
- Discuss title of DO–3xx.
- Working Group Meeting—Review draft document.
- Battery Size Table (1.3.1) updates:
 - Add row for large size.
 - Add Wh equation.
- Review new action items.
- Review agenda for Wednesday.

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- Review of meeting agenda, other actions.

- Verify dates of next plenary and upcoming meeting working group meetings.
- Establish Agenda for 7th plenary meeting.
- Working Group Meeting—Review draft document
- Working Group report, review progress and actions.
- Review all action items.
- Adjourn.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, 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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Kathy Hitt,

Program Analyst, Business Operations Branch, Federal Aviation Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Railroad Administration**

[Docket Number FRA–2011–0107]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with part 213 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has received a request for a waiver of compliance from certain requirements of its safety standards. By a document dated December 28, 2011, CSX Transportation (CSX) petitions FRA for a waiver from certain rail testing requirements contained in 49 CFR part 213. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2011–0107.

Pursuant to 49 CFR Section 213.113(a), CSX requests a waiver from the accepted practice of stop/start rail testing for phase III of its nonstop continuous rail test pilot project beginning April 1, 2012, for a period of up to 1 year on the main tracks between Richmond, VA, and Charleston, SC. The subdivisions that would be traversed are the North End, South End, and Charleston.

Based on the results of the previous phases of nonstop continuous rail test, CSX will not perform parallel or redundant start/stop rail testing on track segments being nonstop continuous rail tested under this waiver. Instead, CSX

proposes to produce nonstop continuous rail test reports every 2 weeks for review by FRA's Rail and Infrastructure Integrity Division. As CSX develops confidence in the performance of the system, and as agreed by CSX and FRA, it proposes to expand the test area to include the tracks between Richmond, VA, and Jacksonville, FL, and test on a monthly basis.

The nonstop continuous high-speed rail test vehicle will be a self-propelled ultrasonic/induction flaw detection vehicle operating at speeds up to 30 mph. This vehicle will be making runs every 2 weeks over the assigned territory. Upon completion of each run, data will be analyzed offline by a group of experts with experience in this process. The analysis will categorize and prioritize suspect defective locations for post-test verification. Verifiers will then be sent out with field instruments to check these suspect locations based upon Global Positioning System (GPS) coordinates. All suspect locations will be checked 60 feet on either side of the suspect GPS location. Remedial actions will be applied, as per 49 CFR Section 213.113, for confirmed rail defects. CSX believes that nonstop continuous rail testing will provide the capability to test track more quickly and frequently, and minimize the risk of rail service failures.

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–2011–0107) 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 (9:00 a.m.–5:00 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 19477–78).

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Ron Hynes,

Acting Deputy Associate Administrator for Regulatory and Legislative Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA–2010–0180]

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 January 26, 2011, the Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2010–0180.

Specifically, DCTA has ordered 11 Stadler Bussnang AG, GTW $\frac{2}{6}$ Diesel Multiple Units. These vehicles are constructed by a European manufacturer and meet European safety standards for crashworthiness and related safety measures. Currently, these vehicles are being delivered and tested at a DCTA maintenance facility. DCTA now seeks relief from certain requirements of the “Technical Criteria and Procedures for Evaluating the Crashworthiness and Occupant Protection Performance of Alternatively Designed Passenger Rail Equipment for use in Tier I Service.” In 2010, FRA formed an Engineering Task Force (ETF) to develop crashworthiness criteria for an alternatively designed and

constructed passenger vehicle to be capable of operating on the general railroad system with other compliant Tier 1 equipments.

The waiver petition includes documentation on the following crashworthiness issues as required by ETF–1:

- Collision with Conventional Equipment
- Occupant Volume Integrity
- Colliding Equipment Override
- Fluid Entry Inhibition
- End Structure Integrity of Cab End
- End Structure Integrity of Non-Cab End

- Roof Integrity
- Side Structure Integrity
- Truck to Carbody Attachment
- Interior Fixture Attachment

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.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Notice of Delays in Processing of Special Permits Applications

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

ACTION: List of Applications Delayed More than 180 Days.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5117(c), PHMSA is publishing the following list of special permit applications that have been in process for 180 days or more. The reason(s) for delay and the expected completion date for action on each application is provided in association with each identified application.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ryan Paquet, Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Special Permits and Approvals, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, East Building, PHH–30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast, Washington, DC 20590–0001, (202) 366–4535.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Key to “Reason for Delay”

1. Awaiting additional information from applicant.
2. Extensive public comment under review.
3. Application is technically complex and is of significant impact or precedent-setting and requires extensive analysis.
4. Staff review delayed by other priority issues or volume of special permit Applications.

Meaning of Application Number Suffixes

- N—New application.
- M—Modification request.