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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–2000–7094]

#### 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 April 19, 2012, Pioneer Valley Railroad (PVR) has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for an extension of its waiver of compliance from a provision of the Federal hours of service laws contained at 49 U.S.C. 21103(a), as authorized by 49 U.S.C. 21102(b). FRA assigned the petition docket number FRA–2000–7094.

In its petition, PVR seeks relief from 49 U.S.C. 21103(a)(2), which prohibits a train employee from remaining or going on duty for a period in excess of 12 consecutive hours. Title 49 U.S.C. 21102(b) allows railroads with 15 or fewer employees to petition for exemption from the restriction outlined at 49 U.S.C. 21103(a)(2), but the exemption may not authorize a carrier to require or allow its employees to be on duty more than a total of 16 hours in a 24-hour period. In support of the request, PVR explained that its safety record is excellent and that an allowance for a train employee to exceed 12 hours of time on duty would only be used during emergencies and not as part of normal operations.

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 Ave. 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.
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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA–2012–0049]

#### 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 May 4, 2012, Union Pacific Railroad (UP) 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 235. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2012–0049.

UP seeks relief from the requirements of 49 CFR 235.5 to expedite successful installation of Positive Train Control (PTC), mandated by the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008. UP will be updating first-generation, nonmicroprocessor-based coded track circuitry; eliminating certain searchlight signal mechanisms; and relocating some signals or making other changes that may require submission of an application and that have not been previously addressed. In requesting this waiver, UP proposes to perform minimal modifications to existing signal systems, while maintaining compliance with 49 CFR part 236, in the same manner and process as provided for under 49 CFR 235.7(c)(24)(vi). This relief will allow for expedited beneficial modification of existing signal systems in preparation for the installation of PTC, and it would reduce the administrative workload for both FRA and UP. Additionally, this relief would reduce the approval delay, while still providing FRA review and oversight of the proposed changes in the same manner as pole line elimination projects.

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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD 2012 0062]

#### Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel PASSION; Invitation for Public Comments

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under

certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before June 25, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2012-0062. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joann Spittle, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W21-203, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-5979, Email [Joann.Spittle@dot.gov](mailto:Joann.Spittle@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel PASSION is:

*Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:* "Bareboat chartering, sailing classes."  
*Geographic Region:* "Washington."

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2012-0062 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388, that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

#### Privacy Act

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By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: May 17, 2012.

**Julie P. Agarwal,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Research & Innovative Technology Administration

[Docket 23343]

#### Agency Information Collection; Activity Under OMB Review; Report of Extension of Credit to Political Candidates

**AGENCY:** Research & Innovative Technology Administration (RITA), Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.) this notice announces that the Information Collection Request, abstracted below, is being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget for extension of currently approved reporting requirement. Earlier, a **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period was published on March 19, 2012 (77 FR 16116). The agency did not receive any comments to its previous notice.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by June 25, 2012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeff Gorham, Office of Airline Information, RTS-42, Room E34, RITA, BTS, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001, Telephone Number (202) 366-4406, Fax Number (202) 366-3383 or EMAIL [jeff.gorham@dot.gov](mailto:jeff.gorham@dot.gov).

*Comments:* Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 715-17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention RITA Desk Officer.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*OMB Approval No.:* 2138-0016.

*Title:* Report of Extension of Credit to Political Candidates.

*Form No.:* 183.