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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA-2012-0350]

Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: This action reopens the comment period for a Petition for Exemption that was published on June 12, 2012. The petition for exemption from Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) and Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), if granted, would allow AOPA and EAA members to conduct certain operations of aircraft without having to hold an FAA-issued medical certificate.

DATES: The comment period for Docket No. FAA-2012-0350 is reopened until September 14, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments identified by docket number FAA-2012-0350 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- *Mail:* Send comments to Docket Operations, M-30; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12-140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *Fax:* Fax comments to Docket Operations at 202-493-2251.

Privacy: The FAA will post all comments it receives, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information the commenter provides. Using the search function of the docket Web site, anyone can find and read the electronic form of all comments received into any FAA docket, including the name of the

individual sending the comment (or signing the comment for an association, business, labor union, etc.). DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement can be found in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-19478), as well as at <http://DocketsInfo.dot.gov>.

Docket: Background documents or comments received may be read at <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time. Follow the online instructions for accessing the docket or Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tyneka Thomas, ARM-105, Office of Rulemaking, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-7626; email tyneka.l.thomas@faa.gov.

Background

On June 12, 2012, a summary of the AOPA/EAA petition was published in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 35103). Comments to that document were to be received on or before July 2, 2012.

By letter dated June 18, 2012, AOPA and EAA requested that the FAA extend the comment period for an additional 70 days. The petitioner states that the additional time is necessary to ensure the public has adequate time to provide substantive comments.

Reopening Comment Period

In accordance with § 11.47(c) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, the FAA has reviewed the petition made by AOPA/EAA. The FAA has determined that reopening of the comment period is consistent with the public interest, and that good cause exists for taking this action.

Accordingly, the comment period for Docket No. FAA-2012-0350 is reopened until September 14, 2012.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2012-0053]

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

In accordance with Part 235 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations

(CFR) and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated June 5, 2012, the Alabama and Tennessee River Railway LLC has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval for the discontinuance or modification of a signal system. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2012-0053.

Applicant: Alabama and Tennessee River Railway LLC, Mr. Jason Scott, Vice President Signals & Communications, 3425 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35904.

The Alabama and Tennessee River Railway LLC (ATN) seeks approval of the proposed discontinuance of signalized slide fences on the Birmingham Subdivision. The discontinuance would include the slide fence at Milepost (MP) 693.8, northbound signal at MP 697.1, and southbound signal at MP 691.9; slide fences at MP 701.6, 702.9, 703.2, 704.4, and 705.6, northbound signal at MP 706.8, and southbound signal at MP 699.9; slide fence at MP 718.0, northbound signal at MP 721.2, and southbound signal at MP 715.7; slide fences located at MP 724.4 and 724.5, northbound signal at MP 726.3, and southbound signal at MP 721.2.

The reasons given for the proposed changes is that there has been no slide activity affecting train operations since ATN began operations in 2005. The maximum authorized speed is 10 mph, with ATN crews operating at restricted speed, as outlined in General Code of Operating Rules 6.21, when a severe weather event is encountered during the course of duty. Maintenance-of-way employees also perform an inspection prior to trains operating in the area after a significant storm event. There are no passenger train operations in the area and freight trains average one train per day.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's 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.

• *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 August 24, 2012 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 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).

Issued in Washington, DC, on July 3, 2012.

Ron Hynes,

Acting Deputy Associate Administrator for Regulatory and Legislative Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2012-0020]

Notification of Petition for Approval; Informational Filing and Request for Waiver

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated June 20, 2012, the Union Pacific Railroad (UP) and the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) have provided the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) a petition for approval of an Informational Filing and Request for Waiver pursuant to 49 CFR 236.913(j) to conduct a high-speed rail (HSR) demonstration project. FRA has

assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2012-0020.

UP, Amtrak, and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) plan to conduct demonstration high-speed passenger train operations over a portion of the corridor between Chicago, IL, and St. Louis, MO, as part of the high-speed rail program. The demonstration segments are on UP's Joliet Subdivision, between Control Point (CP) X073 South Dwight, Milepost (MP) 72.81; and CP X093 Pontiac, MP 92.48.

High-speed passenger trains will operate up to 110 mph, and UP freight trains will continue to operate at speeds not to exceed 60 mph.

The scope of the work requires UP to design procure and install:

1. Cab signal fixed equipment in an initial segment between Dwight and Pontiac.

2. A train control system meeting Positive Train Control (PTC) requirements on the entire UP portion of the route, in accordance with Federal regulations.

The operations described and proposed in the filing are in furtherance of the High Speed Rail 2A Route Construction Contract (the "2A Agreement") dated March 4, 2011, as amended on December 18, 2011. This agreement is funded under FRA Grant/Cooperative Agreement FR-HSR-0015-11-01-00.

Operation on the demonstration segment will be under the centralized traffic control rules of the General Code of Operating Rules. UP freight trains will use automatic cab signals (ACS), consistent with the operation on its other ACS territories that do not provide speed control. Amtrak passenger trains will use the speed control function of the automatic train control on board their locomotives, which provides enforcement of speed limits associated with signal indications. UP and Amtrak are the only operators on the demonstration segment.

A modification of Incremental Train Control System (ITCS) in furtherance of the High-Speed Rail 2A Route Construction Agreement (2A Agreement) will provide a mechanism for safe activation of highway-grade crossing warning devices by passenger trains operating in excess of 79 mph. In addition, the two-way communications feature of ITCS allows crossing health and status information to be provided to approaching ITCS-equipped trains.

In support of the proposed test program, the railroads are seeking temporary relief from compliance with the following 49 CFR parts and sections:

Section 216.13, Special notice for repairs—locomotive; Section 217.9, Program of operational tests and inspections; recordkeeping; Section 217.11, Program of instruction on operating rules; recordkeeping; electronic recordkeeping; Part 218 [Subpart D]—Prohibition Against Tampering With Safety Devices; Section 229.7, Prohibited Acts; Section 229.135, Event recorders; Section 233.9, Annual reports; Section 234.9, Grade crossing signal system failure reports; Section 235.5, Changes requiring filing of application; Section 240.127, Criteria for examining skill performance; and Section 240.129, Criteria for monitoring operational performance of certified engineers. Relief from these regulations is sought only for the duration of the testing program, and only as the relief relates to ITCS-specific component elements.

A copy of the petition, the Informational Filing, the Request for Waiver, and any related documents are available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT's) 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 30-day 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.

A comment period of 30 days after the date of this notice is established. Communications received before the end of the comment period will be