

officials and private persons for railroad business purposes.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2012-0059]

#### 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 letter dated June 25, 2012, Napa Valley Railroad/Napa Valley Wine Train (NVRR) 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 232—Brake System Safety Standards for Freight and Other Non-Passenger Trains and Equipment; End-of-Train Devices. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2012-0059.

NVRR seeks relief with respect to the application of certain provisions of 49 CFR Part 232, specifically, Appendix B Section 232.17(b)(2) for passenger car maintenance requirements. NVRR requests to extend all air brake clean, oil, test, and stencil periods from 1 year or 15 months to a period of 5 years on nine passenger equipment cars identified in its petition. The operation of the equipment is limited to 25 mph and has mileage estimated to not exceed 18,000 miles per year.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2012-0065]

#### 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 29, 2012, Peter J. Douglas, on behalf of Union Tank Car Company (UTLX), 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 231—Railroad Safety Appliance Standards; specifically, 49 CFR 231.21(f)(3) that addresses the location of side handholds. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2012-0065.

UTLX requests relief for cars where the side horizontal handholds are currently in compliance, as they intend to remove and replace the four horizontal handholds with vertical handholds on each corner of each car. Twelve cars are in the process of being constructed that are affected by the requirements of 49 CFR 231.21(f)(3). UTLX contends that the addition of the ergonomically designed vertical