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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2012-0081]

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 September 25, 2012, the Kiski Junction Railroad (KJR) 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 223 (Safety Glazing Standards—Locomotives, Passenger Cars and Caboose). FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2012-0081.

KJR has petitioned FRA for a waiver to operate passenger excursion equipment on the entire length of its existing railroad without compliant FRA safety glazing, as required by 49 CFR part 223. KJR was previously granted a waiver by FRA to operate this equipment on its Bagdad Line between Schenley and Leechburg, PA, in Docket Number RSGM-96-11. KJR recently expanded its operations and added 7 additional miles of track between Schenley, PA, and Ford City, with the assistance of State and Federal funding. KJR has designated this rail segment as the Allegheny Line. The Allegheny Line's maximum authorized speed is 25 mph, and it complies with FRA Class 2 track standards. The Bagdad Line's maximum authorized speed remains at 10 mph.

KJR requests a permanent waiver of compliance from the glazing requirements set forth in 49 CFR part 223 for one locomotive, one passenger car, and three cabooses—all of which are currently equipped with shatterproof safety glass. Locomotive KJR 7135, an ALCO S-1 diesel electric 660 HP, was built in 1943 as U.S. Navy 7135. Passenger Coach KJR 1154 was built in the 1920s for the Central Railroad of New Jersey. Caboose KJR 200 was built in the 1960s for the New York Central Railroad. Caboose KJR 5, which is a widow caboose, was built for the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad. Caboose KJR 4, a cupola caboose, was built in 1958 for the Norfolk and

Western Railroad. KJR is requesting this relief due to the prohibitive cost involved in retrofitting this equipment with FRA-certified glazing.

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 (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.

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 March 25, 2013 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 document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). See <http://www.regulations.gov/#!privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of regulations.gov or interested parties may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2006-24812]

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 July 13, 2012, the BNSF Railway (BNSF) 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-2006-24812.

BNSF seeks a waiver of compliance from certain requirements of 49 CFR part 232. Specifically, BNSF requests to expand the scope of the existing waiver that granted relief from the maximum mileage and inspection requirements specified by 49 CFR 232.213—*Extended haul trains*, for certain trains identified in Exhibit A to its July 13, 2012, petition. These trains originate at various Powder River Basin coal mines and terminate at the following locations: Isugen, NE; Becker, MN; Breckenridge, MN; Dilworth, MN; Harrington, TX; and Holcomb, KS.

Given the increased demand for coal by the utility industry, BNSF believes that granting this relief will relieve congestion while maintaining high-quality inspections. The railroad also believes that the waiver's expanded scope will not compromise railroad safety.

In support of the expanded scope of the existing waiver, BNSF's petition further states that the additional extended haul trains modestly exceed the 1,500-mile extended haul threshold. As the trains covered by this request are the very same type of equipment as the trains that are presently subject to this waiver, BNSF believes that there is no anticipated deviation from the current high level of safety.

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 (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.

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.

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Communications received by March 25, 2013 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. AB 1103X]

Rusk County Rural Rail District— Abandonment Exemption—in Rusk County, TX

On January 18, 2013, the Rusk County Rural Rail District (RCRRD) filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon a 0.9-mile portion of its Henderson-Overton Branch Spur, between milepost 15.2 and milepost 16.1, in Rusk County, TX (the Line). The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Code 75652. There are no stations on the Line.

RCRRD states that, based on information in its possession, the Line contains no federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in RCRRD's possession will be made available to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued no later than May 8, 2013.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than May 18, 2013, or 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption, whichever occurs sooner. Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,600 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following the abandonment of rail service and salvage of the Line, the Line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than February 27, 2013. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$250 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to Docket No. AB 1103X and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) C. Brian Cassidy and Lori Fixley Winland, Locke Lord LLP, 100 Congress Avenue, Suite 300, Austin, TX 78701. Replies to

the petition are due on or before February 27, 2013.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs and Compliance at (202) 245-0238 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) at (202) 245-0305. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.]

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by OEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who comment during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact OEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). It is anticipated that the EA (or EIS) in this proceeding will be made available on or about February 12, 2013, and that comments will be due on or about March 4, 2013.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at www.stb.dot.gov.

Decided: February 4, 2013.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell,
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Derrick A. Gardner,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-NEW]

Proposed Information Collection (Conduct the Point-of-Care Research Questionnaire) Activity: Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed new collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the