

When the test plan has been successfully completed, Amtrak will make the necessary filings under 49 CFR Part 263 (Subpart I) to obtain safety certification of the newly configured system. Amtrak assumes that successful completion of this work will be a condition on any relief provided under this request becoming effective.

This initial step of modifying the provisions of the ACSES Final Order of Particular Applicability will allow Amtrak the ability to collect relevant real-time data as it demonstrates that its Acela operation at a MAS of 160 mph is safe and viable. Amtrak is hoping that increased MAS for Acela service will make better use of limited resources while reducing trip times for NEC riders and will help to build ridership and market share.

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–2013–0128) 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 28, 2014 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–2012–0021]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, this document provides the public notice that by a letter dated January 16, 2014, Columbia Business Center Railroad (CBCX) has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for an extension of its waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal hours of service laws contained at 49 U.S.C. 21103(a)(4). FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2012–0021.

In its petition, CBCX seeks relief from 49 U.S.C. 21103(a)(4), which in part requires a train employee to receive 48 hours off duty after initiating an on-duty period for 6 consecutive days. Specifically, CBCX seeks a waiver to allow a train employee to initiate an on-duty period, each day, for 6 consecutive days followed by 24 hours off duty. In support of its request, CBCX explained that employees covered by the waiver work Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with a crew occasionally working on Saturday for 4 hours or less. CBCX also explained that all employees covered by the waiver work well below the Federal 276-hour monthly limit, and since the waiver was granted, no train employee has exceeded 210 hours in any month. Finally, CBCX said that all employees covered by the waiver were provided information about the waiver extension petition, and that there were no objections to the waiver extension by these employees.

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.

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Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA–2013–0134]

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 November 19, 2013, the Reading Blue Mountain and Northern Railroad (RBMN) has petitioned the Federal