

IATF Public Meeting.” To submit a written comment, individuals should email veteransbusiness@sba.gov with subject line—“Response for December 7, 2022, IATF Public Meeting” no later than November 28, 2022, or contact Timothy Green, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Veterans Business Development (OVBD) at (202) 205-6773. Comments received in advanced will be addressed as time allows during the public comment period. All other submitted comments will be included in the meeting record. During the live meeting, those who wish to comment will be able to do so during the public comment period.

Participants can join the meeting via computer at this link: https://bit.ly/IATF_Dec2022 or by phone. Call in (audio only): Dial: 202-765-1264; Phone Conference ID: 978 023 539#.

Special accommodation requests should be directed to OVBD at (202) 205-6773 or veteransbusiness@sba.gov. All applicable documents will be posted on the IATF website prior to the meeting: <https://www.sba.gov/page/interagency-task-force-veterans-small-business-development>. For more information on veteran-owned small business programs, please visit www.sba.gov/ovbd.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), SBA announces the meeting of the Interagency Task Force on Veterans Small Business Development (IAFT). The IATF is established pursuant to Executive Order 13540 to coordinate the efforts of Federal agencies to improve capital, business development opportunities, and pre-established federal contracting goals for small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans and service-disabled veterans. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss efforts that support veteran-owned small businesses, updates on past and current events, and the IATF’s objectives for fiscal year 2022.

Dated: November 4, 2022.

Andrienne Johnson,

Committee Management Officer.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

ACTION: Notice of open Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The SBA is issuing this notice to announce the date, time, and agenda for a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs (ACVBA).

DATES: Thursday, December 8, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the meeting will be held via Microsoft Teams using a call-in number listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The meeting is open to the public; however advance notice of attendance is strongly encouraged. To RSVP and confirm attendance, the general public should email veteransbusiness@sba.gov with subject line—“RSVP for December 8, 2022, ACVBA Public Meeting.” To submit a written comment, individuals should email veteransbusiness@sba.gov with subject line—“Response for December 8, 2022, ACVBA Public Meeting” no later than November 28, 2022, or contact Timothy Green, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Veterans Business Development (OVBD) at (202) 205-6773. Comments received in advanced will be addressed as time allows during the public comment period. All other submitted comments will be included in the meeting record. During the live meeting, those who wish to comment will be able to do so during the public comment period.

Participants can join the meeting via computer https://bit.ly/ACVBA_Dec2022 or by phone. Call in (audio only): Dial: 202-765-1264; Phone Conference ID: 674 127 009#.

Special accommodation requests should be directed to OVBD at (202) 205-6773 or veteransbusiness@sba.gov. All applicable documents will be posted on the ACVBA website prior to the meeting: <https://www.sba.gov/page/advisory-committee-veterans-business-affairs>. For more information on veteran-owned small business programs, please visit www.sba.gov/ovbd.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), SBA announces the meeting of the Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs. The ACVBA is established pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 657(b) note and serves as an independent source of advice and policy. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss efforts that support veteran-owned small businesses, updates on past and current events, and the ACVBA’s objectives for fiscal year 2022.

Dated: November 4, 2022.

Andrienne Johnson,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2022-0082]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on August 15, 2022, BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) 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). FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2022-0082.

Specifically, BNSF seeks relief with respect to the application of 49 CFR 232.205(c)(1)(ii)(B), *Class I brake test—initial terminal inspection*, and 232.207(b)(1), *Class IA brake tests—1,000-mile inspection*, for trains operating in distributive power mode. BNSF requests to extend the maximum allowable brake pipe air flow from the present regulatory limit of 90 cubic feet per minute (CFM) to 120 CFM for distributed power-equipped trains under specified operating conditions.

In support of its petition, BNSF submitted a report from the air flow tests conducted by BNSF in Staples, Minnesota, in June 2022. BNSF also states that “increasing the allowable flow to 120 CFM will even further reduce” walking exposures that employees encounter and that the use of distributive power “enhances safer train handling in cold weather operations.”

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov.

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 parties desire an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, 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 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Communications received by January 16, 2023 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

Anyone can 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.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See also <https://www.regulations.gov/privacy-notice> for the privacy notice of www.regulations.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC.

John Karl Alexy,

Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety Chief Safety Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2022-0094]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on October 12, 2022, Heart of Georgia Railroad (HOG) 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 240 (Qualification and Certification of Locomotive Engineers) and part 242 (Qualification and Certification of Conductors). FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2022-0094.

Specifically, HOG requests relief as part of its proposed implementation of and participation in FRA's Confidential Close Call Reporting System (C³RS) Program. HOG seeks to shield reporting employees and the railroad from mandatory punitive sanctions that

would otherwise arise as provided in §§ 240.117(e)(1)-(4); 240.305(a)(1)-(4) and (a)(6); 240.307; 242.403(b), (c), (e)(1)-(4), (e)(6)-(11), (f)(1)-(2); and 242.407. The C³RS Program encourages certified operating crew members to report close calls and protects the employees and the railroad from discipline or sanctions arising from the incidents reported per the C³RS Implementing Memorandum of Understanding.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov.

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 parties desire an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, 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 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Communications received by January 16, 2023 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

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Issued in Washington, DC.

John Karl Alexy,

Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety, Chief Safety Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2016-0086]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by letter dated October 12, 2022, Canadian National Railway Company (CN) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to join an existing waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR parts 232 (Brake System Safety Standards for Freight and Other Non-Passenger Trains and Equipment; End-Of-Train Devices), and 229 (Railroad Locomotive Safety Standards). The relevant FRA Docket Number is FRA-2016-0086.

Specifically, CN requests to join a waiver previously granted to CSX Transportation (CSX), BNSF Railway (BNSF), and Kansas City Southern Railway Company (KCS), and be granted relief from 49 CFR 232.205(c)(1)(iii), *Class I brake test-initial terminal inspection*, and 229.29(b), *Air brake system calibration, maintenance, and testing*, related to air flow method (AFM) indicator calibration intervals. The relief granted to CSX, BNSF, and KCS allows the railroads to test extending the AFM test intervals from 92 days to 184 days on locomotives equipped with the New York Air Brake (NYAB) CCB-II air brake systems. CN seeks to form a test waiver team operating under the current test committee overseeing the relief in FRA-2016-0086 to test CN's 772 NYAB CCBII-equipped locomotives. CN states that it has been an active member of the Association of American Railroads Locomotive Committee and is familiar with the work performed by the FRA-2016-0086 test committee.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov.

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 and a public hearing, 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