

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration**

[Docket No. FAA-2023-1113]

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Aircraft Noise Certification Documents for International Operations****AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The collection aids to make the aircraft noise certification information easily accessible to the flight crew and presentable upon request to the appropriate foreign officials for international airline operation of U.S. carriers. The information to be collected upholds the U.S. obligations under the Convention on International Civil Aviation and for which FAA policy comply with International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Standards and Recommended Practices to the maximum extent practicable. Thus the FAA has adopted ICAO's Standards and Recommended Practices as U.S. regulations as a means of compliance with Annex 16 and requires noise documentation be carried on board aircraft that leave the United States.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by July 7, 2023.**ADDRESSES:** Please send written comments:*By Electronic Docket:*[www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (Enter docket number into search field).*By mail:* Sandy Liu, 800 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20591, Attn: AEE-100.*By fax:* 202-267-5594.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**Sandy R. Liu by email at: [sandy.liu@faa.gov](mailto:sandy.liu@faa.gov); phone: 202-267-4748.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d)

ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2120-0737.*Title:* Aircraft Noise Certification Documents for International Operations.*Form Numbers:* None. Reference: ICAO Annex 16, Vol.1—Aircraft Noise, Eighth edition (July 2017) Attachment G for format.*Type of Review:* Renewal of an information collection.

*Background:* On March 2, 2010, the FAA published the final rule Notice No. 91-312, Aircraft Noise Certification Documents for International Operations (75 FR 9327). It requires operators that fly outside the United States, using aircraft subject to ICAO, Annex 16, Volume 1, to carry aircraft noise certification information on board the aircraft. This collection is needed to ensure consistent international compliance with the ICAO, Annex 16, Volume 1, Amendment 8 that requires certain noise information be carried on board the aircraft. This information must be easily accessible to the flight crew and presentable upon request to the appropriate foreign National Aviation Authority (NAA) officials. The collection is mandatory based on U.S. regulations and international standards.

*Respondents:* Operators of U.S. registered civil aircraft flying outside the United States.*Frequency:* Estimated 75 airplanes per year.*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* 25 minutes (0.42 hours) per airplane.*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* \$30 per airplane or cumulative total \$2,250 per year for 75 airplanes affected.

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**Sandy Liu,***Engineer, Noise Division, Office of Environment and Energy, Noise Division (AEE-100).*

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[Docket No. FAA-2023-1114]

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Noise Certification Standards for Subsonic Jet Airplanes and Subsonic Transport Category Large Airplanes****AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The collection involves the noise certification regulations for aircraft. This includes information collection requirements for the noise certification of subsonic aircraft—jet airplanes and subsonic transport category large airplanes, small propeller driven airplanes and rotorcraft. The information collected are the results of noise certification tests that demonstrate compliance. The original information collection was implemented to show compliance in accordance with the Aircraft Noise Abatement Act of 1968; that statute is now part of the overall codification of the FAA's regulatory authority over aircraft noise. The noise compliance report is used by the FAA in making a finding that the airplane is in noise compliance with the regulations. These compliance reports are required only once when an applicant wants to certificate an aircraft type. Without this data collection, the FAA would be unable to make the required noise certification compliance finding.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by July 7, 2023.**ADDRESSES:** Please send written comments:*By Electronic Docket:*[www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (Enter docket number into search field).*By mail:* Sandy Liu, Attn: AEE-100, 800 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20591.*By fax:* 202-267-5594.

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the

estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Sandy Liu by email at: [sandy.liu@faa.gov](mailto:sandy.liu@faa.gov); phone: 202-267-4748.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Control Number:* 2120-0659.

*Title:* Noise Certification Standards for Subsonic Jet Airplanes and Subsonic Transport Category Large Airplanes.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Type of Review:* Renewal of an information collection.

*Background:* The aircraft noise information collected are the results of noise certification tests that demonstrate compliance with 14 CFR part 36. The original information collection was implemented to show compliance in accordance with the Aircraft Noise Abatement Act of 1968; that statute is now part of the overall codification of the FAA's regulatory authority over aircraft noise in 49 U.S.C. 44715. For this renewal, the FAA proposes to maintain this PRA collection at 14 total noise certification projects per year. Each applicant's collected information is incorporated into a noise compliance report that is provided to and approved by the FAA. The noise compliance report is used by the FAA in making a finding that the airplane is in noise compliance with the regulations. These compliance reports are required only once when an applicant wants to certificate an aircraft type. Without this data collection, the FAA would be unable to make the required noise certification compliance finding.

*Respondents:* Aircraft manufacturer/ applicant seeking type certification.

*Frequency:* Estimated 15 total applicants per year.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* Estimated 200 hours per applicant for the compliance report.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* \$20,160 per applicant or cumulative total \$302,400 per year for 15 applicants.

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**Sandy Liu,**

*Engineer, Office of Environment and Energy, Noise Division (AEE-100).*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Railroad Administration**

**[Docket Number FRA-2023-0030]**

**Petition for Waiver of Compliance**

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on March 24, 2023, the Belt Railway Company of Chicago, in conjunction with the labor unions that represent its schedule employees (SMART-TD, BLET, ATDA, TCU, BRC Division of TCU-IAM, BMWED, BRS, IBEW, SMART-M, ARASA, IAM, and NCFO) (collectively, Petitioners), 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-2023-0030.

Specifically, Petitioners request relief required to participate in FRA's Confidential Close Call Reporting System (C<sup>3</sup>RS) Program. Petitioners seek 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 C<sup>3</sup>RS 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 C<sup>3</sup>RS 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](http://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 July 7, 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), 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](http://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](http://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-2023-0029]**

**Petition for Waiver of Compliance**

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on March 21, 2023, Indiana Northeastern Railroad Company, in partnership with Little River Railroad, Inc. (Petitioners), 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). FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2023-0029.

Specifically, Petitioners request relief from § 240.201(d), which requires that only certified persons operate locomotives and trains. The relief would allow noncertified persons to pay a fee and operate a locomotive as part of a "throttle time" program. In support of its petition, Petitioners note that the relief would only apply to persons participating in the program, and that participants would be 18 years of age or older and under the direct supervision of a certified and qualified locomotive