

internet website at <https://rsac.fra.dot.gov/> at least one week in advance of the meeting. Please see the RSAC website for additional information on the committee at <https://rsac.fra.dot.gov/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenton Kilgore, RSAC Designated Federal Officer/RSAC Coordinator, FRA Office of Railroad Safety, (202) 365-3724 or kenton.kilgore@dot.gov. Any committee-related request should be sent to Mr. Kilgore.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), FRA is giving notice of a meeting of the RSAC.

The RSAC is composed of 56 voting representatives from 30 member organizations, representing various rail industry perspectives. The diversity of the Committee ensures the requisite range of views and expertise necessary to discharge its responsibilities.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Attendance is on a first-come, first served, basis, and is accessible to individuals with disabilities. DOT and FRA are committed to providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, please contact Mr. Kenton Kilgore as listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section, and submit your request by October 16, 2023.

Any member of the public may submit a written statement to the committee at any time; however, submissions for committee review during the meeting must be received by October 16, 2023.

Agenda Summary: This meeting of the RSAC will include updates from the working groups for: train braking modernization; wayside detectors; and enhancement of hazardous trains designations. These working groups were formed in response to the February 3, 2023, Norfolk Southern Railway Co. freight train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio. Working groups for Confidential Close Call Reporting (C3RS) and roadway worker protection will also report to the committee on their activity. FRA will also announce the renewal of the RSAC charter for the period of October 2023–October 2025, and discuss changes made to the charter. A detailed agenda for the meeting will be posted on the RSAC internet website at least one week in advance of the meeting. Copies of the minutes of past meetings, along with general information about the committee, are also available on the

RSAC internet website at <https://rsac.fra.dot.gov/>.

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Amitabha Bose,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA–2023–0059]

Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System

Under part 235 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), this document provides the public notice that by letters received on July 21, 2023, and September 1, 2023, Union Railroad, LLC (URR) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval to discontinue or modify a signal system. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2023–0059.

Specifically, URR requests to discontinue the control point One Block, located in Braddock, Pennsylvania. The following are requested to be removed: signals 76, 80, 82, 86, 88, and 90; power switches 81 and 83; hand-throw switch T–20; lock movements 75 and 97; the circuit controller on switch 95; and track circuits 64T, 72T, 76T, 82T, 86T, 91T, and 97AT. URR states that the involved tracks are primarily used for switching leads and yard tracks in freight service at a maximum speed of 20 miles per hour. In support of its request, URR states that “safety of operations will be positively impacted by eliminating any confusion as to who should be contacted for permission on a given track.”

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

appropriate docket number and may be submitted at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Communications received by November 20, 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.

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John Karl Alexy,
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA–2018–0067]

Petition for Extension of Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on August 3, 2023, the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for an extension of a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR parts 229 (Railroad Locomotive Safety Standards), 231 (Railroad Safety Appliance Standards), and 238 (Passenger Equipment Safety Standards). The relevant Docket Number is FRA–2018–0067.

Specifically, Caltrain requests continued relief for its Stadler-built KISS Electric Multiple Unit (EMU) railcars specific to the passenger area emergency brake valve (as required by § 229.47(b), *Emergency brake valve*, and § 238.305(c)(5), *Interior calendar day*

mechanical inspection of passenger cars); the clearance above the top rail (as required by § 229.71, *Clearance above top of rail*); and the safety appliances (as required by § 229.71(b)–(d) and (f)–(g), § 238.229, *Safety appliances—general*, and § 238.230(d), *Safety appliances—new equipment*). Caltrain also notes that it has increased its EMU fleet from 16 six-car trainsets to 19 seven-car trainsets. Additionally, the intermediate level doors in the EMUs have been replaced with door plugs, as the doors “will not be utilized for initial operation at Caltrain.” Caltrain states that although the EMUs “may not meet the specific requirements” of the regulations, it requests relief for “alternate or equivalent compliance.”

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 November 20, 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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Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA–2023–0065]

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 8, 2023, Providence and Worcester Railroad; the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers; and the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen (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–2023–0065.

Specifically, Petitioners request relief required to participate in FRA’s Confidential Close Call Reporting System (C³RS) Program. Petitioners seek to shield reporting employees 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 November 20, 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, 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 [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

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Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA–2023–0055]

Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System

Under part 235 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), this document provides the public notice that by letters received on July 20, 2023, and September 1, 2023, Union Railroad, LLC (URR) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval to discontinue or modify a signal system. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2023–0055.

Specifically, URR requests to discontinue the signal system on Track #2 Southbound Main between signal 200 at control point (CP) Mon Junction and signal 262 at CP Bull Run, a distance of 7,633 feet. The track section is located in Duquesne, Pennsylvania, on the Mon Southern Division. It is signaled for bidirectional operation and