

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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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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

only moves freight in switching and terminal operations at a maximum speed of 20 miles per hour. To maintain operations during a project to begin in June 2024, URR requests to downgrade the track section to non-signaled storage track. In its petition, URR notes that “safety of operations will not be affected” by the changes.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Safety Advisory 23-1 Bus-to-Person Collisions

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of Safety Advisory.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is issuing Safety Advisory 23-1 to encourage agencies that provide bus service to consider mitigation strategies to reduce bus-to-person collisions. This safety advisory provides guidance on identifying specific hazards that may cause or contribute to bus-to-person collisions, completing a safety risk assessment, and developing mitigations to address the assessed safety risks for transit agencies. FTA’s Safety Advisory 23-1 “Bus-to-Person Collisions” is available on the agency’s public website (<https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/safety/fta-safety-advisories>).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joseph DeLorenzo, Associate Administrator for Transit Safety and Oversight, FTA, telephone (202) 366-1783 or Joseph.DeLorenzo@dot.gov. (Authority: 49 U.S.C. 5329; 49 CFR 1.91 and 670.29)

Nuria I. Fernandez,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2023-0061]

Pipeline Safety: Meeting of the Gas Pipeline Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the Gas Pipeline Advisory Committee (GPAC) to discuss the notices of proposed rulemaking (NPRMs) titled “Gas Pipeline Leak Detection and Repair” and “Class Location Change Requirements.”

DATES: PHMSA will hold a public meeting from November 27, 2023, to December 1, 2023. The GPAC will meet each day from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET to

discuss the NPRMs. However, the meeting may end early if the GPAC completes its review of the NPRMs. Members of the public who wish to attend are asked to register no later than November 20, 2023. PHMSA requests that individuals who require accommodations because of a disability notify Tewabe Asebe by email at tewabe.asebe@dot.gov at least five days prior to the meeting. Public comments on the proceedings of the GPAC meeting must be submitted by January 5, 2024.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in person at the Westin Crystal City, 1800 Richmond Highway, Arlington, VA 22202. The agenda and any additional information, including information on how to participate in the meeting, will be published on the meeting website at <https://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/MtgHome.mtg?mtg=167>. Presentations will be available on the meeting website and at <https://www.regulations.gov/> in docket number PHMSA-2023-0061 no later than 30 days following the meeting. You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. PHMSA-2023-0061, by any of the following methods:

- *Web:* <https://www.regulations.gov>.

This site allows the public to enter comments on any **Federal Register** notice issued by any agency. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.

- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building: Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery:* U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building: Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

- *Instructions:* Identify Docket No. PHMSA-2023-0061 at the beginning of your comments. If you submit your comments by mail, submit two copies. Internet users may submit comments at <https://www.regulations.gov>. If you would like confirmation that PHMSA received your comments, please include a self-addressed stamped postcard labeled “Comments on PHMSA-2023-0061.” The docket clerk will date stamp the postcard prior to returning it to you via U.S. mail.

- *Note:* All comments received will be posted without edits to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading for more information. Anyone can use the site to search all comments by the name of the