

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Railroad Administration****[Docket Number FRA–2024–0079]****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 June 26, 2024, Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) 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; End-of-Train Devices). The relevant Docket Number is FRA–2024–0079.

Specifically, CPKC requests relief from the requirements of 49 CFR 232.305(b)(2), *Single car air brake tests*, to “permit the replacement of wheelsets on rail cars as part of CPKC’s In-train Wheelset Replacement Program . . . without the need to also perform the [single car air brake test (SCABT)]” as required. The program would be used only at CPKC’s International Freight Gateway intermodal facility in Kansas City, Missouri.

In its petition, CPKC explained that the program “proactively address[es] wheel defects before they create potential risks to safe railroad operations” by identifying and changing the wheels while a crew remains on the lead locomotive. CPKC consulted with the Brotherhood Railway Carmen Division, Transportation Communications Union, which supports the program and request.

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 www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Communications received by December 2, 2024 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–2018–0083]****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 by letter dated June 4, 2024, BNSF Railway (BNSF) 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 part 225 (Railroad Accidents/ Incidents: Reports Classification, and Investigations). The relevant Docket Number is FRA–2018–0083.

Specifically, BNSF requests to extend the existing relief from § 225.25(h), *Recordkeeping*, which requires that a railroad post “a listing of all injuries and occupational illnesses reported to FRA as having occurred at an establishment . . . in a conspicuous location at that establishment.” Instead, BNSF makes the required information available via a “web portal accessible to all employees” as a “paperless injury log.”

In support of its request, BNSF stated that its paperless log “enhances

[BNSF’s] employees’ ability to access the required information *and* the scope of the information each employee can access.” BNSF further explained that the information can be accessed from anywhere through an internet-connected device. Additionally, the paperless log enables a review of injuries and occupational illnesses that were reported at all BNSF establishments and for time periods greater than 12 months. BNSF also stated that it “has received no negative feedback about the paperless injury log process or complaints that this information is not posted in paper form.”

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