

New Jersey Transit Rail Operations (NJTR) (Waiver Petition Docket Number LI-94-11)

The NJTR seeks a temporary waiver of compliance with certain provisions of the Locomotive Safety Standards (49 CFR Part 229) for their locomotives. NJTR is seeking relief from the requirements of Section 229.135 that all trains operating over 30 mph shall be equipped with an event recorder by May 5, 1995. NJTR requests an extension of 24-months. The Locomotive Safety Standards were revised on July 8, 1993, to require each lead locomotive of trains operating over 30 mph to be equipped with an event recorder by May 5, 1995. NJTR operates 300 electric MU cars, 15 electric locomotives, 83 diesel-electric locomotives and 84 push pull control cars, all of which are equipped with various event recording systems. However, not all systems meet the requirements of Section 229.5 in recording steps of braking. Existing systems will require extensive upgrades or replacement of the entire system to be in compliance. Due to the competitive bid process, vendor's ability to deliver and installation of the systems, NJTR will be unable to comply with the May 5, 1995, date and have requested an extension.

Napa Valley Wine Train, Incorporated (NVRR) (Waiver Petition Docket Number RSGM-94-16)

The NVRR seeks a permanent waiver of compliance with certain provisions of the Safety Glazing Standards (49 CFR Part 223) for one locomotive. The locomotive NVRR 52, a 65-ton center cab switcher built by General Electric Company is used primarily for yard switching of passenger cars and locomotives and an occasional work train transporting Maintenance of Way materials. The Napa Valley Railroad has operated three locomotives on the same tracks under waiver RSGM-89-15 with no incidents or injuries.

Denver Railway Car Company (DRCX) (Waiver Petition Docket Number RSGM-94-17)

The DRCX seeks a permanent waiver of compliance with certain provisions of the Safety Glazing Standards (49 CFR Part 223) for all of their passenger cars with a side exit door. Section 223.9(c) and 223.15(c) require that all passenger cars built or rebuilt prior to July 1, 1980, shall be equipped with four emergency opening windows. DRCX considers the non-locking side doors provide faster emergency access than the emergency opening windows.

Buckeye Central Scenic Railroad (BCRR) (Waiver Petition Docket Number RSGM-94-18)

The BCRR, seeks a permanent waiver of compliance with certain provisions of the Safety Glazing Standards (49 CFR Part 223) for one locomotive and five passenger cars. The BCRR is a non-profit tourist railroad operating on 5.5 miles of former Baltimore & Ohio Railroad tracks at Hebron, Ohio. The passenger cars, having been built prior to 1945 and used in excursion service are exempt from the requirements of Part 223. The locomotive is an EMD Model SW-1 switcher built in 1948. The BCRR states that there have been no incidents of injury due to rock throwing nor of broken windows in 11 years of operation.

Delaware Valley Railway Company, Incorporated (DV) (Waiver Petition Docket Number RSGM 94-19)

The DV seeks a permanent waiver of compliance with certain provisions of the Safety Glazing Standards (49 CFR Part 223) for three locomotives. The locomotives, OCTR 4118 an ALCO RS-3 built in 1952, W&W 3 an ALCO S-2 built in 1949 and NFD 2 an ALCO RS36 built in 1962, operate on the former Octorara Railway Company (OCTR) in rural New Castle County, Delaware and Chester County, Pennsylvania. The railroad states there have been no accidents or incidents involving glazing on the DV or predecessor OCTR.

Batten Kill Railroad Company, Incorporated (BKRR) (Waiver Petition Docket Number RSGM-94-20)

The BKRR seeks a permanent waiver of compliance with certain provisions of the Safety Glazing Standards (49 CFR Part 223) for one passenger car. M-403, an RDC car built in 1951, has been restored by the Northeastern New York Railroad Preservation Group (NE-Rail) who will operate it in excursion service on 16 miles of track between Salem and Shushan, New York. Future plans include operation of the car over the entire 35 miles of the BKRR. The railroad states their have been no problems with vandalism. Average train speed is 15 mph and maximum speed is 20 mph.

Westinghouse Air Brake Company (WABCO) (Waiver Petition Docket Number H-92-3)

In 1992 and 1993, WABCO was granted a test waiver for their EPIC microprocessor locomotive brake equipment. Specifically, the waiver excludes a total of 150 locomotives from the requirements of 49 CFR 229.29 for a test period of five years. In their

required quarterly report on service experience to the FRA, WABCO states that over 100 systems are now in service with 50 additional units to be delivered this year. Anticipated sales in 1995 total approximately 500. Based on their satisfactory performance to date, WABCO has requested that the test allotment be increased to at least 750 locomotives.

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Phil Olekszyk,

Acting Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Compliance and Program Implementation.

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Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System or Relief From the Requirements of 49 CFR Part 236

Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 235 and 49 U.S.C. App. 26, the following railroads have petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval for the discontinuance or modification of the signal system or relief from the requirements of 49 CFR Part 236 as detailed below.

[Block Signal Application BS-AP-No. 3338]

Applicant: Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company, Mr. John Bell, Senior Signal Technician, 100 East 1st Street, Brewster, Ohio 44613.

The Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company seeks approval of the proposed discontinuance and removal of the traffic control system on the single main track of the Bellevue Line between Spencer, Ohio, milepost 92.0 and Bellevue, Ohio, milepost 54.5, a distance of approximately 37.5 miles; including the retention of the interlocking and associated approach signals at Wellington, Ohio, and installation of track defect detector signals at mileposts 63.8 and 68.7 at Norwalk, Ohio.

The reason given for the proposed changes is to retire facilities no longer required for present operations.

[BS-AP-No. 3339]

Applicant: Chicago and Central Pacific Railroad, Mr. Mark H. Thompson, Engineer—Communications and Signals, 1006 East Fourth Street, P.O. Box 1800, Waterloo, Iowa 50704.

The Chicago and Central Pacific Railroad seeks approval of the proposed modification of the automatic block signal system, on the single main track, between milepost 51.5 and 55.2, near Burlington, Illinois, associated with the installation of electronic coded track

circuits and the constant warning time circuitry at three highway rail grade crossings.

The reason given for the proposed changes is to improve safety at three grade crossings.

Any interested party desiring to protest the granting of an application shall set forth specifically the grounds upon which the protest is made, and contain a concise statement of the interest of the protestant in the proceeding. The original and two copies of the protest shall be filed with the Associate Administrator for Safety, FRA, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590 within 45 calendar days of the date of issuance of this notice. Additionally, one copy of the protest shall be furnished to the applicant at the address listed above.

FRA expects to be able to determine these matters without oral hearing. However, if a specific request for an oral hearing is accompanied by a showing that the party is unable to adequately present his or her position by written statements, an application may be set for public hearing.

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Phil Olekszyk,

Acting Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Compliance and Program Implementation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

Public Meeting in Washington, DC on Customs Automated Export System

AGENCY: Customs Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This document provides notice that Customs is going to hold a public meeting in Washington, DC to update the export trade community on the current developments of the Automated Export System.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, February 2, 1995, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Washington, DC at the U.S. Department of Commerce Auditorium at 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lorna Finley, Automated Export System Development Team (202) 927-0280. If interested in attending meeting, RSVP by FAX to Ms. Finley at (202) 927-0742.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Customs will be holding a public meeting in Washington, DC at the Department of Commerce Auditorium at 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., on Thursday, February 2, 1995, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to update the export trade community on the current developments of the Automated Export System (AES). At this meeting the AES Development Team and the Trade Resource Group will discuss the following topics:

- 1—Status of AES Development;
- 2—Data Elements—Prefiling Requirements;
- 3—Data Communications—Technical Issues;
- 4—Planned Implementation by July 1995; and
- 5—Bureau of Export Administration and Office of Defense Trade Controls Interface.

All of the public is invited to attend the meeting. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by FAX to Lorna Finley at 202-927-0742.

Dated: January 11, 1995.

Sharon A. Mazur,

Director, Automated Export, System Development Team.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Persian Gulf Expert Scientific Committee, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), in accordance with Public Law 92-463, gives notice that meetings of the VA Persian Gulf Expert Scientific Committee will be held on:

Monday, February 27, 1995, at 9 a.m.—5 p.m.

Tuesday, February 28, 1995, at 8:30 a.m.—12:01 p.m.

The location of the meeting will be 801 I Street, NW.; Washington, DC; room 1105.

The Committee's objectives are to advise the Under Secretary for Health, about medical findings affecting Persian Gulf era veterans.

At this meeting the Committee will review all aspects of patient care and medical diagnoses and will provide professional consultation as needed. The Committee may advise on other areas involving research and development, veterans benefits and/or training aspects for patients and staff.

All portions of the meeting will be open to the public except from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. on February 27, 1995, and 11 a.m. until 12:01 p.m. on February 28, 1995. During these executive sessions discussions and recommendations will deal with medical records of specific patients and individually

identifiable patient medical histories. The disclosure of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Closure of these portions of the meetings is in accordance with subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Public Law 94-409, and as cited in 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6).

Additional information concerning these meetings may be obtained from the Chairperson, Office of Public Health & Environmental Hazards, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420.

Dated: December 22, 1994.

By Direction of the Secretary:

Heyward Bannister,

Committee Management Officer.

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Veterans' Claims Adjudication Commission; Advisory Notice

Pursuant to section 401(d) of Public Law 103-446, the newly established Veterans' Claims Adjudication Commission, chaired by the Honorable S.W. Melidosian, will conduct its initial meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at the Adams Mark Hotel (City Avenue and Monument Road), commencing at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 1995, and concluding at 12:00 noon on Thursday, January 19.

The commission's first meeting will be introductory in nature and will include orientation sessions for the benefit of the commission members. The commission will also consider organizational matters and hold discussions regarding its future agenda.

Other than periods which members are dining, the meeting is open to the public. However, given the nature of the initial meeting, no amount of time has been designated for the purpose of receiving verbal public comments. Any member of the public or of an organization may, however, submit appropriate written comments to the Commission for its information and consideration at the following address: Veterans' Claims Adjudication Commission (20C), U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, Telephone Number (202) 275-2142.

Notice of future meetings of the commission will appear in the **Federal Register**.

Contact Person: F.J. Brizzi, Jr., (202) 275-2142.

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