

repairs to small, nonpressurized, older aircraft of 12,500 pounds or less. This final notice is necessary to give all interested persons an opportunity to present their views on the proposed revision to the AC. Any comments, corrections or suggestions should reflect the applicable AC chapter, page, and paragraph number. If new data are suggested, a copy of this data, repair methods, inspection procedures, or new techniques should be enclosed with the comments.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before November 15, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Send all comments on the proposed AC to: FAA Manufacturing Standards Section, AFS-610, 6500 MacArthur Boulevard, ARB Room 304, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73125. Comments may be inspected at the above address between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. William O'Brien, General Aviation and Commercial Branch, AFS-340, FAA, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington D.C. 20591, telephone (202) 267-3796, facsimile (202) 267-5559.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Requests for copies of the proposed AC can be facsimile to AFS-610 at (405) 954-4104.

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Thomas C. Accardi,

*Director, Flight Standards Service.*

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## Federal Railroad Administration

### Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Title 49 CFR Sections 211.9 and 211.41, notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has received a request for waiver of compliance with certain requirements of the Federal safety laws and regulations. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

Westinghouse Air Brake Company

[Waiver Petition Docket Number H-92-3]

The Westinghouse Air Brake Company (WABCO), seeks a waiver of compliance with certain provisions of the Locomotive Safety Regulations (49 CFR part 229) for all locomotives equipped with the EPIC® 3101 Microprocessor Controlled Brakes operating in the United States. Section

229.29 stipulates that all brake valves be cleaned, repaired, and tested at intervals that do not exceed 736 calendar days. In 1992, WABCO requested and was granted temporary waivers of compliance (Docket Number H-92-3) with § 229.29, for locomotives equipped with the EPIC® 3101 and 3102 Microprocessor Controlled Brakes, by extending the required time interval from 736 calendar days to five years. In order to determine the optimum maintenance interval for this type of equipment, WABCO has requested that the time intervals for the requirements of § 229.29 be extended to a period of seven years for the eight locomotives (Norfolk Southern 7144-7150 and CP Rail 5501) which are currently equipped with the EPIC® 3101 Microprocessor Controlled Brakes. WABCO has determined the current "mean-time-between-failure" for the Norfolk Southern locomotives to be in excess of 900 days.

Since granting of the original waiver, WABCO has furnished the required quarterly reports of applications and of reported problems. None of the problems are considered related to maintenance intervals.

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 comments, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communication concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g. Docket Number H-92-3) and must be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Clerk, Office of Chief Counsel, FRA, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. Communications received within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice, will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practical. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) in Room 7051, 1120 Vermont Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

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Phil Olekszyk,

*Acting Deputy Administrator for Safety.*

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## Surface Transportation Board

### Release of Waybill Data

The Surface Transportation Board has received a request from ALK Associates, Inc. for permission to use certain data from the Board's 1992 through 1995 Carload Waybill Samples. A copy of the request (WB464-9/6/96) may be obtained from the Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis and Administration.

The waybill sample contains confidential railroad and shipper data; therefore, if any parties object to these requests, they should file their objections with the Director of the Board's Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis and Administration within 14 calendar days of the date of this notice. The rules for release of waybill data are codified at 49 CFR 1244.8.

**CONTACT:** James A. Nash, (202) 927-6196.

Vernon A. Williams,

*Secretary.*

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## Surface Transportation Board<sup>1</sup>

[STB Finance Docket No. 33053]

### Lackland Western Railroad Company— Acquisition and Operation Exemption—St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company

Lackland Western Railroad Company (LWRC), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire and operate approximately 49.2 miles of rail line from the St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company (St. Louis) between Union, MO (SSW/MP 59.5, St. Louis District), and Rock Island Jct., MO (SSW/MP 10.3, St. Louis District). In addition, LWRC will acquire approximately 18.1 miles of trackage rights of St. Louis over Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis between Rock Island Jct., MO (TRRA/MP 9.31, West Belt District), and Valley Jct., IL (TRRA/MP 7.21, Illinois Transfer District), for a total 67.3 miles of rail line.

The transaction is expected to be consummated on January 1, 1997.

<sup>1</sup> The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803, which was enacted on December 29, 1995, and took effect on January 1, 1996, abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission and transferred certain functions to the Surface Transportation Board (Board). This notice relates to functions that are subject to Board jurisdiction pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10901.