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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. 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.

Kiski Junction Railroad

[Waiver Petition Docket Number: RSGM-96-11]

The Kiski Junction Railroad, a Class III shortline railroad located in Schenley, Pennsylvania, seeks a permanent waiver of compliance with the Safety Glazing Standards, 49 CFR Section 223.9(a), certified glazing, for its locomotive KJRR 7135 and caboose KJR 4. KJRR 7135 is a 660 horsepower locomotive built by ALCO Products in 1944, designated Model Number S-1, and is equipped with shatterproof safety glazing in all glazing locations. Caboose KJR 4 was built in 1958 and is equipped with "Lexan" in all forward, rearward and side locations. The locomotive and caboose's glazing is presently free of breaks or cracks and has a clear undistorted view of the track forward and rearward. The railroad's operation is entirely within yard limits and therefore complies with Sections 223.11(a) and 223.13(a).

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, 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 [e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number RSGM-96-11] 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 this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.) at FRA's temporary docket room located at 1120 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Room 7051, Washington, D.C. 20005.

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Metro-North Railroad

[Waiver Petition Docket Number H-91-4]

Metro-North Railroad (Metro-North) seeks a permanent waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Railroad Locomotive Safety Standards, 49 CFR Section 229.29, concerning the required time intervals for cleaning, repairing, and testing of MU locomotive brake equipment. Specifically, Metro-North requests an extension of the time interval requirements from 736 days to 1104 days. In 1991, Metro-North was

granted a temporary test waiver to determine whether extending the time interval requirements for clean, oil, test, and stencil (COT&S) from 736 days to 1104 days on MU locomotives could be accomplished without compromising brake system reliability and safety. The test fleet consisted of 92 M-series electric railcars. During the test period, the cars were given special operational air brake testing, and all valves were removed and disassembled for inspection. Metro-North submitted a comprehensive report detailing the results of the inspections and tests which were performed in accordance with the Metro-North Railroad Demonstration Test Plan dated March 15, 1991. Metro-North concludes that the successful test results demonstrate that extending COT&S to 3 years on MU locomotives can be accomplished without compromising brake and train/railcar safety.

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

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