

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Railroad Administration****Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System or Relief From the Requirements of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 236**

Pursuant to Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (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.

Docket No.: FRA-1999-5023

Applicant: Union Pacific Railroad Company, Mr. Phil Abaray, Chief Engineer—Signal/Quality, 1416 Dodge Street, Room 1000, Omaha, Nebraska 68179-1000

Union Pacific Railroad Company seeks approval of the proposed temporary discontinuance of the signal system, on the No. 2 Main track, between mileposts 32.9 and 33.2, on the Martinez Subdivision, near Martinez, California, during construction of a new CTC signal system on the No. 2 Main and adjacent tracks, for approximately four months.

The reason given for the proposed changes is to make room for and allow construction of a new CTC signal system on the No. 2 Main track and adjacent tracks.

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. Additionally, one copy of the protest shall be furnished to the applicant at the address listed above.

All communications concerning this proceeding should be identified by the docket number and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PI-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by the 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 a.m.–5 p.m.) at DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PI-401 (Plaza Level), 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the internet at the docket facility's Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FRA expects to be able to determine these matters without an 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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Docket No. FRA-1999-5187.

Applicant: Wisconsin Central Limited, Mr. Glenn J. Kerbs, Vice President Engineering, P.O. Box 5062, Rosemont, Illinois 60017-5062.

Wisconsin Central Limited seeks approval of the proposed discontinuance and removal of existing Stevens Point East interlocking,

milepost CM246.98, at Stevens Point, Wisconsin, consisting of the removal of all existing interlocked signals, and conversion of the two power-operated switches to hand operation.

The reasons given for the proposed changes are track changes associated with the proposed siding extension, and installation of a new power-operated switch at milepost CM244.3.

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