

comments on the draft Environmental Assessment. All comments received by the closing date will be considered by the FRA as it completes its NEPA and NHPA compliance.

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Chief, Passenger Programs Division.

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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-1999-5896

Applicant: CSX Transportation, Incorporated, Mr. E.G. Peterson, Assistant Chief Engineer, Signal Design and Construction, 4901 Belfort Road, Suite 130 (S/C J-370), Jacksonville, Florida 32256.

CSX Transportation Incorporated seeks approval of the proposed modification of the traffic control system, on the single main track, between milepost CAB-79.03 and milepost CAB-80.0, near Scottsville, Virginia, on the Rivanna Subdivision, C&O Business Unit, consisting of the following:

1. The discontinuance and removal of absolute controlled signals 70R, 70L, and C at East End Scottsville, milepost CAB-79.03;
2. Conversion of the power-operated switch at the East End Scottsville to hand operation, equipped with an electric lock;
3. The discontinuance and removal of absolute controlled signals 66R and 66L at West End Scottsville, milepost CAB-80.0; and
4. Installation of back to back intermediate signals at milepost CAB-79.1.

The reason given for the proposed changes is to eliminate facilities no longer needed for present day operations.

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-1999-5753

Applicants:

CSX Transportation, Incorporated, Mr. E. G. Peterson, Assistant Chief Engineer, Signal Design and

Construction, 4901 Belfort Road, Suite 130 (S/C J-370), Jacksonville, Florida 32256.

Consolidated Rail Corporation, Mr. R. E. Inman, Chief Engineer—C&S Assets, 1000 Howard Boulevard, Mount Laurel, New Jersey 08054.

CSX Transportation Incorporated (CSXT) and Consolidated Rail Corporation, jointly seek approval of the proposed temporary discontinuance of the current of traffic and interlocking signal systems, at Riverdale, Illinois, milepost DC-11.40, on the CSXT Barr Subdivision, Chicago Service Lane, for a period of approximately 60 days. During the temporary discontinuance, it is proposed to govern train movements by Yard Limit Rules under the direction of the train dispatcher, and utilize a switch tender handle all switches. The proposal is associated with major modifications to track and signal arrangements, and include the installation of a traffic control system.

The reason given for the proposed changes is to safely and efficiently expedite train movements during construction and cut-over.

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