

by the industry without the need for FRA waivers. AAR states that, of course, this type of product improvement will continue with FBF's also.

In conclusion, the petition states that the granting of this waiver request concerning revenue service use of FBF crossing diamonds is necessary for implementation of a technological improvement in railway engineering.

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 1999-5104) and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401 (Plaza Level), 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 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 the above facility. 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>.

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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.

#### **Chesaning Central & Owosso Railroad; Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-1999-5793**

Chesaning Central & Owosso Railroad seeks a permanent waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Safety Glazing Standards, 49 CFR part 223, which requires certified glazing, for its road switcher, locomotive CC&O 1508, ALCO RS-3, built in 1954.

Locomotive CC&O 1508 is utilized as a locomotive for a tourist train operation, which operates strictly in a captive rural farm area and does not exceed 25 mph at any time during its operation, which is seasonal.

The reason for this request for relief is economical. The cost to retrofit the locomotive with updated window frames and glazing would cause an economical burden that this rail operation is unable to bear.

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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## 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. 20502(a), 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-1999-6516*

*Applicant:* Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway, Mr. William G. Peterson, Director Signal Engineering, 4515 Kansas Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas 66106.

Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway seeks approval of the proposed reduction of the traffic control system limits, on the North and South Fast Tracks between AY Tower, CP39, milepost 3.9 and CP50, milepost 5.0, on the Kansas City Division, Emporia Subdivision, near Kansas City, Kansas. The proposed changes include the discontinuance and removal of two holding signals at CP50, removal of the No.5 power-operated switch at CP39, and relocation of the begin/end CTC to milepost 3.9.

The reason given for the proposed changes is to make track changes near AY Tower to allow for improved access to the Diesel Shops.

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 Protester 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,