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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.

Applicant: CSX Transportation, Incorporated.

[Docket No. FRA-2000-7631]

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

Norfolk Southern Corporation, Mr. E. L. Sweeney, Chief Engineer S&E Engineering, 99 Spring Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303

CSX Transportation, Incorporated and Norfolk Southern Corporation jointly seek approval of the proposed modification of the signal system, on all tracks, at Millard Avenue, milepost CTT-26.5, near Toledo, Ohio, on the Toledo Terminal Subdivision, Detroit Service Lane, consisting of the discontinuance and removal of all absolute controlled signals and conversion of all power-operated switches to hand operation. The proposal states that access to the Millard Avenue Yard will be through the Ironville Interlocking, controlled by Norfolk Southern.

The reason given for the proposed changes is that under current operating conditions, the need for these signals no longer exists, and their removal will increase operating efficiency.

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 (9:00 a.m.-5:00 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-2000-7643]

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 signal system, on Main Tracks No. 1 and No. 2, at Sand Patch, Pennsylvania, milepost BF-211.2, on the Keystone Subdivision, Cumberland Division, consisting the discontinuance and removal of signals 9, 13A, 54, 55, 56, and 57, and conversion of the method of operation from interlocking signal system to a traffic control system. The proposal is in conjunction with the retirement of various power-operated switches and their associated signals; relocation of some other signals, and relocation of control for the remaining facilities to the Jacksonville, Florida dispatcher.

The reason given for the proposed changes is that under current operating conditions, the need for the hold out signals no longer exists, and removal of the signals will increase operating efficiency.

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.

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[Docket No. FRA-2000-7630]

Applicant: I & M Rail Link, LLC, Mr. Scott F. Woodward, Chief Engineer, Post Office Box 8689, Missoula, Montana 59807-8689.

I & M Rail Link, LLC seeks approval of the proposed modification of the traffic control system, on the single main track, at Chula, Missouri, milepost 413.1, on the First Subdivision, consisting of the discontinuance and removal of controlled signals 22LA, 22LB, and 22R, conversion of the associated power-operated switch to hand operation, and installation of new back to back, intermediate signals 4130 and 4131. The proposed changes are scheduled in conjunction with the siding extension project at Laredo, and include the installation of electronic coded track circuits between Laredo and Chula.

The reason given for the proposed changes is that the siding at Chula was converted to a house track by the previous owner and is now used for equipment storage, thereby eliminating the need for a power-operated switch and controlled signals.

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.

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[Docket No. FRA-2000-7931]

Applicant: Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad Company, Mr. C.H. Allen, General Manager 2721-161st Street, Hammond, Indiana 46323-1099.

The Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad Company seeks approval of the proposed modification of the signal system at State Line Interlocking, in Hammond, Indiana. The proposed changes are associated with the elimination of State Line Tower, a 100-year-old mechanical interlocking, and

consist of splitting of the existing interlocking into two separate, remote-controlled, state of the art, microprocessor-based, interlockings. The proposal also includes removal of Switch No. 171 from interlocking limits, and its conversion to hand operation.

The reasons given for the proposed changes are the low usage of Switch No. 171, and to increase efficiency of train operations in the area.

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