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**Dispositions of Petitions**

*Docket No.:* FAA-2000-7996.

*Petitioner:* Gortner Pilots Association.

*Section of 14 CFR Affected:* 14 CFR

135.251, 135.255, 135.353 and

appendixes I and J to part 121

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition:

To permit GPA to conduct local sightseeing flights at Greater Gortner Airport, Garrett County, Maryland, for the one-day Greater Gortner Airport Fly-In/Open House in October 2000, for compensation or hire, without complying with certain anti-drug and alcohol misuse prevention requirements of part 135. *Grant, 10/13/2000, Exemption No. 7369*

*Docket No.:* FAA-2000-8085.

*Petitioner:* Carolinas Historic Aviation Commission.

*Section of 14 CFR Affected:* 14 CFR

135.251, 135.255, 135.353 and

appendixes I and J to part 121

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition:

To permit CHAC to conduct local sightseeing flights at Charlotte/Douglas International Airport, Charlotte, North Carolina, for a two-day charitable event in October 2000, for compensation or hire, without complying with certain anti-drug and alcohol misuse prevention requirements of part 135. *Grant, 10/13/2000, Exemption No. 7368*

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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.

**Canadian National Illinois Central Railroad**

[Docket Number FRA-2000-8089]

Canadian National Illinois Central Railroad (CN/IC) seeks a permanent waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Railroad Safety Appliance Standards, 49 CFR Part 231, and the Railroad Power Brakes and Drawbars regulations, 49 CFR Part 232, concerning RoadRailer<sup>®</sup> train operations over their system. Specifically, CN/IC requests relief from those sections of 49 CFR Part 231 which stipulates the number, location and dimensions for handholds, ladders, sill steps, uncoupling levers and handbrakes. CN/IC also seeks relief from 49 CFR Part 232.2 which sets the standard height for drawbars.

CN/IC states that this waiver is necessary to permit them to begin operation of RoadRailer equipment between Chicago, Illinois, and Port Huron, Michigan. CN/IC requests that this petition, if approved, be modeled on conditions contained in waiver FRA-1999-5895 which was granted to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway in May 2000.

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 2000-8089) 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 a.m.-5 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**

**Research and Special Programs Administration**

[Docket No. RSPA-00-8026 (PDA-26(R))]

**Application by Boston & Maine Corporation for a Preemption Determination as to Massachusetts' Definitions of Hazardous Materials**

**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Public notice and invitation to comment.

**SUMMARY:** Interested parties are invited to submit comments on an application by Boston & Maine Corporation for an administrative determination whether Federal hazardous materials transportation law preempts the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' definitions of "hazardous materials" as applied to hazardous materials transportation.

**DATES:** Comments received on or before January 2, 2001, and rebuttal comments received on or before February 14, 2001, will be considered before an administrative ruling is issued by RSPA's Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety. Rebuttal comments may discuss only those issues raised by comments received during the initial comment period and may not discuss new issues.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and all comments received may be reviewed in the Dockets Office, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001. The application and all comments are also available on-line through the home page of DOT's Docket Management System, at "<http://dms.dot.gov>."

Comments must refer to Docket No. RSPA-00-8026 and may be submitted to the docket either in writing or electronically. Send three copies of each written comment to the Dockets Office at the above address. If you wish to receive confirmation of receipt of your written comments, include a self-addressed, stamped postcard. To submit