

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 FRA-2001-8961) 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 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

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System or Relief From Requirements

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-2001-9020

*Applicant:* Canadian National/Illinois Central, Mr. L.W. Winn, Manager-Signal & Communications, 2921 Horn Lake Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38109.

The Illinois Central Railroad seeks approval of the proposed discontinuance and removal of the automatic block signal system, on the single main track of the Gulf Division,

between milepost 394.7 and milepost 397.5, on the Memphis Subdivision, and between milepost 397.5 and milepost 398.2, on the Grenada Subdivision, near Memphis, Tennessee.

The reason given for the proposed changes is that the signal system is no longer necessary, because the signal system is located wholly within the Memphis Terminal Yard Limits, where all movements must be coordinated with the person in charge of the yard.

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 party 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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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System or Relief From Requirements

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-2001-9021

*Applicant:* Canadian National/Illinois Central, Mr. L.W. Winn, Manager-Signal & Communications, 2921 Horn Lake Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38109.

The Illinois Central Railroad seeks approval of the proposed discontinuance and removal of the power-operated switch and associated signal arrangement, at milepost 362.5, on the Gulf Division, Baton Rouge Subdivision, near Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The reason given for the proposed changes is that the switch and signal arrangement is no longer necessary, because it is within yard limits where all movements must be coordinated with the person in charge of the yard, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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 party 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>.

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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 Requirements

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-2001-9022

*Applicant:* Canadian National/Illinois Central, Mr. L.W. Winn, Manager-Signal & Communications, 2921 Horn Lake Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38109.

The Illinois Central Railroad seeks approval of the discontinuance and removal of the existing signal arrangement, consisting of two signals, at milepost 148.6, on the Gulf Division, Central Subdivision, near Natchez, Mississippi.

The reason given for the proposed changes is that the signal arrangement is no longer necessary, because it is within yard limits where all movements must be coordinated with the person in charge of the yard at Natchez, Mississippi.

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 party 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>.

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#### Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System or Relief From Requirements

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-2001-9238

Applicants: Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board

Mr. Darrell J. Maxey, P.E., Chief Engineer, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, P.O. Box 3006, San Carlos, California 94070-1306

Mr. David Obedoza, Manager of Signals, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, P.O. Box 3006, San Carlos, California 94070-1306

The Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board seeks approval of the proposed modification of the automatic block signal system, on the two main tracks,

near milepost 31.9, on the Peninsula Division, at Palo Alto, California, consisting of the removal of the electric lock from the hand-operated switch, on Main Track 2, of the north crossover.

The reason given for the proposed changes is to eliminate facilities no longer needed in present day operation; the electric lock is no longer necessary due to the previous removal of the Permanente Branch Line.

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 party 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.

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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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