

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 Number: FRA-2002-12269.

Applicant: CSX Transportation, Incorporated, Mr. N. Michael Choat, Assistant Chief Engineer of Signal Maintenance, 4901 Belfort Road, Suite 130 (S/C J-370), Jacksonville, Florida 32256.

CSX Transportation, Incorporated (CSXT) seeks relief from the requirements of the Rules, Standard and Instructions, 49 CFR, part 236, section 236.110, to the extent that each test record need not be signed by the person making the inspection or test, in lieu of implementing an electronic system to record and maintain Signal inspection records that provide inherent security measures that uniquely identify the person as the author of the record. Once a record is entered and verified, it cannot be modified. In conjunction with this relief, CSXT also requests the utilization of an electronic system for recording and maintaining applicable inspection and test records as defined in 49 CFR, part 234, subject to approval by the Associate Administrator for Safety, as required by section 234.273.

Applicant's justification for relief: CSXT believes that the electronic system will serve the best interest of CSXT and the Federal and State Inspection authorities that are required to inspect records, and anticipate the system will provide many benefits, including:

- Improved availability of test records
- Improved management reporting of compliance
- Improved consistency for filing records
- A reduction in the need for paper documentation

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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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Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.

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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 Number: FRA-2002-12314.

Applicant: Union Pacific Railroad Company, Mr. Phil M. Abaray, Chief Engineer—Signals, 1416 Dodge Street, Room 1000, Omaha, Nebraska 68179-1000.

Union Pacific Railroad Company seeks approval of the proposed modification of the traffic control system, at milepost 250.1 on the Dallas Subdivision, Centennial Yard, in Fort Worth, Texas. The proposed changes consist of the discontinuance and removal of automatic signal 2501 and inoperative approach signal 2500, associated with the 7,500 foot block reduction at the entrance of CTC territory. The 7,500 foot track circuit, protected by signal 2501, will be shortened and used to approach light controlled signal WB at milepost 251.5.

The reason given for the proposed changes is that the signals presently disrupt switching operations due to the need to get permission from the dispatcher to pass signal 2501 if it is red, and changes in the methods of operation have made signal 2501 unnecessary.

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Docket Number: FRA-2002-12313.

Applicant: Union Pacific Railroad Company, Mr. Phil M. Abaray, Chief Engineer—Signals, 1416 Dodge Street, Room 1000, Omaha, Nebraska 68179-1000.

Union Pacific Railroad Company seeks approval of the proposed modification of the automatic block signal system, at milepost 2.1 on the Altoona Subdivision, in East St. Paul, Minnesota, consisting of the discontinuance and removal of automatic signal 21, and extension of the approach signal 31 block to include the track presently protected signal 21.

The reason given for the proposed changes is that the Arcade Street overpass near the signal is to be reconstructed, and the new overpass will encroach on the present location of signal 21, necessitating its removal or relocation. The low speed of 10 mph, the reduced train traffic, and the short protected block mitigate the necessity of the signal.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket Number: MARAD-2002-12723]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel DEEP SCAN.

SUMMARY: As authorized by Pub. L. 105-383, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a description of the proposed service, is listed below. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines that in accordance with Pub. L. 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388 (65 FR 6905; February 11, 2000) that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels, a waiver will not be granted.

DATES: Submit comments on or before August 12, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2002-12723. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathleen Dunn, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR-832 Room 7201, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-2307.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title V of Pub. L. 105-383 provides authority to the Secretary of Transportation to administratively waive the U.S.-build requirements of the Jones Act, and other statutes, for small commercial passenger vessels (no more than 12 passengers). This authority has been delegated to the Maritime Administration per 49 CFR 1.66, Delegations to the Maritime Administrator, as amended. By this notice, MARAD is publishing information on a vessel for which a request for a U.S.-build waiver has been received, and for which MARAD requests comments from interested parties. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD'S regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

Vessel Proposed for Waiver of the U.S.-Build Requirement

(1) Name of vessel and owner for which waiver is requested. *Name of vessel:* DEEP SCAN. *Owner:* Aqua Gems of the Treasure Coast Inc.

(2) Size, capacity and tonnage of vessel. *According to the applicant:* "62 feet long by 18 feet Beam and drafts about 2 and a half ft. Gross tonnage is 26 tons * * *"

(3) Intended use for vessel, including geographic region of intended operation and trade. *According to the applicant:* "The vessel will be used as a magnetometer and sonar platform to survey and salvage shipwrecks as well as a dive boat platform in areas in Alabama, Florida and Georgia and the Great Lakes region."

(4) Date and Place of construction and (if applicable) rebuilding. *Date of construction:* 1983. *Place of construction:* Holland.

(5) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on other commercial passenger vessel operators. *According to the applicant:* "Because of the shallow draft capabilities and unique electronics packages of the R/V Deep Scans systems their should be no impact to other commercial operators * * * The R/V Deep Scan is a one of a kind Research Vessel and therefore no impact to other operators and shipyards should be noted or penalized."