

Description: Application of Northwest Airlines, Inc. ("Northwest") requesting a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Northwest to provide scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between Atlanta, GA and Caracas, Venezuela. Northwest also requests that the Department integrate this authority with all Northwest's existing certificate and exemption authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2003-15432]

BNSF Railway Company; Notice of Extension of Comment Period

The BNSF Railway Company has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval to expand the existing waiver, granted on June 23, 2004, from Fort Worth, Texas, milepost 346.67, to Arkansas City, Kansas, milepost 264.11, on the Fort Worth and Red Rock Subdivisions, a distance of approximately 329 miles. This expansion request is identified as Docket No. FRA-2003-15432.

The FRA has issued a public notice seeking comments of interested parties. After examining the railroad's proposal and the comments, FRA determined that a public hearing was necessary before a final decision was made on this proposal. A public hearing was conducted in this matter on February 23, 2006. At the hearing, FRA announced that it would extend the comment period in this proceeding until 10 business days after the transcript of the public hearing is made available on the Department of Transportation's (DOT's) Docket Management System found at <http://dms.dot.gov> in order to permit interested parties to review the transcript prior to submitting comments.

Accordingly, FRA is extending the comment period in this proceeding until 10 business days after the transcript of the public hearing is posted on DOT's Document Management System. All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2003-15432) and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401 (Plaza Level), 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC

20590. 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>.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78). The Statement may also be found 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) has 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.

Fayette Central Railroad

[Docket Number FRA-2006-23836]

The Fayette Central Railroad (FCRV) seeks a permanent waiver of compliance from *Control of Alcohol and Drug Use*, 49 CFR 219.601, which requires a railroad to submit for FRA approval, a random alcohol and drug testing program. FCRV has less than 16 hours of service employees, but operates on the tracks of the Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad Company (SWP). FCRV states that four of its hours of service employees are subject to random testing at their other places of employment. FCRV also says that it normally operates trains on weekends while the SWP normally operates on weekdays, and that track warrants and

or permission is required on all SWP tracks and only one train can operate at one time within specified limits.

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 FRA-2006-23836) and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PL-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>.

FRA wishes to inform all potential commenters that anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78) or you may visit <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