

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

[Meeting No. 07-02]

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 9:30 a.m. (EDT), March 30, 2007, TVA West Tower Auditorium, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

STATUS: Open.

Agenda*Old Business*

Approval of minutes of January 25, 2007, Board Meeting.

New Business

1. Chairman's Report.
 2. President's Report.
 3. Report of the Finance, Strategy, and Rates Committee.
 - A. Strategic Plan Discussion.
 - B. Customer service issues.
 - i. Agreements to serve two directly-served customers.
 - ii. Pricing during startup and testing.
 - iii. Future year price offer to a directly-served customer.
 - iv. Pilot time of use pricing.
 4. Report of the Operations, Environment, and Safety Committee.
 - A. Authorization for the CEO to negotiate and approve a lease of a combined cycle electric generating facility.
 - B. Authorization for acquisition of combustion turbine and other equipment, real property, and initial engineering services for a potential generation facility.
 5. Report of the Audit and Ethics Committee.
 - A. Selection of an external auditor.
 6. Report of the Human Resources Committee.
 7. Report of the Community Relations Committee.
 8. Information Items.
 - A. Executive Selections.
 - B. Filing of condemnation cases in Bowling Green, Kentucky.
- For more information:* Please call TVA Media Relations at (865) 632-6000, Knoxville, Tennessee. Information is also available at TVA's Washington Office (202) 898-2999. People who plan to attend the meeting and have special needs should call (865) 632-6000. Anyone who wishes to comment on any of the agenda in writing may send their comments to: TVA Board of Directors, Board Agenda Comments, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

Dated: March 23, 2007.

Maureen H. Dunn,

General Counsel and Secretary.

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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 from 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.

Royal Gorge Route Railroad

[Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2006-26757]

The Canon City and Royal Gorge Route Railroad (CRRX), seeks a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Safety Glazing Standards contained in 49 CFR part 223, for 14 passenger cars. The CRRX operates the 14 passenger cars in excursion train service over a distance of 11.75 miles of track and operates at a speed not exceeding 29 miles per hour. Most of the track traveled is at speeds not exceeding 20 miles per hour.

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 2006-26757) 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>.

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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Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.

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Wallowa Union Railroad

(Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2007-27413)

The Wallowa Union Railroad Authority (WURR) seeks a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Safety Glazing Standards, 49 CFR part 223 that requires certified glazing for three self-propelled rail diesel cars. The WURR operates as an excursion railroad at speeds not exceeding 30 miles per hour and in primarily rural areas.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA 1999-6439, Notice No. 18]

Adjustment of Nationwide Significant Risk Threshold

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of Adjustment of the Nationwide Significant Risk Threshold.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 49 CFR part 222, appendix D, FRA is updating the Nationwide Significant Risk Threshold (NSRT). This action is needed to ensure that the public has the proper threshold of permissible risk for calculating quiet zones established in relationship to the NSRT. This is the first update to the NSRT since the final rule entitled "Use of Locomotive Horns at Highway-Rail Grade Crossings" was published on April 27, 2005 (70 FR 21844). This notice increases the Nationwide Significant Risk Threshold (NSRT) from 17,030 to 19,047.

DATES: The effective date is March 29, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ronald Ries, Office of Safety, RRS-25, Mail Stop 17, FRA, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20590 (telephone 202-493-6299 or e-mail Ronald.Ries@dot.gov); or Ann Landis, Trial Attorney, Office of Chief Counsel, RCC-10, Mail Stop 10, FRA, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20590 (telephone 202-493-6064 or e-mail Ann.Landis@dot.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Background

The NSRT is simply an average of the risk indexes for all of the gated crossings nationwide where train horns are routinely sounded. When communities are determining whether a specific crossing corridor can qualify as a quiet zone pursuant to 49 CFR part 222, the NSRT is used for comparison to the Quiet Zone Risk Index calculated for that specific crossing corridor to determine if that crossing corridor's Quiet Zone Risk Index falls above or below the nationwide average. In 2005, when the final rule entitled "Use of Locomotive Horns at Highway-Rail Grade Crossings" was published, FRA calculated the NSRT to be 17,030 (an increase from 15,424 as published in the interim final rule (68 FR 70586, December 18, 2003)) (70 FR 21844, April 27, 2005). In the final rule, FRA indicated that the NSRT would be updated annually. This is the first update to the NSRT since the final rule was published on April 27, 2005.

New NSRT

Almost two years have passed since the NSRT was last updated. (70 FR 21844, April 27, 2005). Consequently, FRA has recalculated the threshold based on the formulas identified in 49 CFR part 222, appendix D. FRA used collision data from 2001–2005.

The total number of gated, non-whistle ban crossings was 38,577.

The total number of collisions at these crossings was 2,388.

$$\text{Fatality Rate} = \frac{\text{Fatalities}}{\text{Fatal Incidents}} = \frac{364}{314} = 1.1592$$

$$\text{Injury Rate} = \frac{\text{Injuries in Injury Only Incidents}}{\text{Injury Only Incidents}} = \frac{795}{601} = 1.3228$$

Applying the fatality rate and injury rate to the probable number of fatalities and casualties predicted to occur at each of the 38,577 crossings identified and the predicted cost of the associated injuries and fatalities, FRA calculates the NSRT to be 19,047.

Authority: 28 U.S.C. 2461, note; 49 U.S.C. 20103, 20107, 20153, 21301, 21304; 49 CFR 1.49; 49 CFR part 222, Appendix D.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2007-27411]

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