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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2), we are giving notice of a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee taking place on December 10, 2008, at the Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20519. The agenda includes:

1. Introduction of new Assistant Chairs.
2. Part 147 Working Group Report.
3. Issue Area Status Reports from Assistant Chairs.
4. Continuous Improvement (Committee Process).
5. Regulatory Agenda Discussion.
6. Rulemaking Harmonization Discussion.
7. Off-agenda remarks from other EXCOM members.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to the space available. The FAA will arrange teleconference service for individuals wishing to join in by teleconference if we receive notice by December 1. Arrangements to participate by teleconference can be made by contacting the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Callers outside the Washington metropolitan area are responsible for paying long-distance charges.

The public must arrange by December 1 to present oral statements at the meeting. The public may present written statements to the executive committee by providing 25 copies to the Executive Director, or by bringing the copies to the meeting.

If you are in need of assistance or require a reasonable accommodation for this meeting, please contact the person listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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**Pamela A. Hamilton-Powell,**

*Executive Director, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.*

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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 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 railroad has 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-2008-0102.

*Applicant:* Canadian National Railway, Mr. Timothy R. Luhm, Senior Manager of S&C, 1625 Depot Street, Stevens Point, Wisconsin 54481.

The Canadian National Railway Company (CN) seeks approval of the proposed discontinuance and removal of an automatic block signal system from Milepost 40.2 to Milepost 41.9 on the Dresser slide fence, CN Lake Zone, Dresser Subdivision, Wisconsin. The reason for the proposed changes is that the slide fence is not required with the current restricted speed requirement. A 10 miles per hour speed restriction will extend through the entire slide area.

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 ( Docket No. FRA-2008-0102) and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

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://www.regulations.gov>.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of any written communications and 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).

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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**

**Petition for Special Approval of Alternate Standard**

In accordance with Part 238.21 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for approval of an Alternate Standard 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.

**Long Island Railroad and Metro-North Railroad (Special Approval Petition Docket Number FRA-2004-17099)**

The Long Island Railroad (LIRR) and Metro-North Railroad (MNCW) further identified herein as the railroads, seeks approval to amend a previously granted alternate standard to be used in accordance with the *Passenger Equipment Safety Standards*, 49 CFR part 238, section 309, periodic maintenance of MU locomotive equipment brakes. Section 309(b)(2) requires periodic brake equipment maintenance to be performed at an interval not to exceed every 1,104 days.