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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 a signal system, or relief from the requirements of 49 CFR part 236 as detailed below.

Docket Number FRA-2008-0134

Applicant: Southern California Regional Rail Authority, Mr. Darrell J. Maxey, P. E., Director, Engineering and Construction, 700 S. Flower Street, 26th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90017.

The Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) seeks relief from the requirements of the Rules, Standards, and Instructions, title 49 CFR part 236, section 236.504, Operation interconnected with automatic block-signal system; and Section 236.566, Locomotive of each train operating in train stop, train control, or cab signal territory equipped.

The application seeks approval to expand the locations of the intermittent inert ATS inductor territory both within the Orange Subdivision and beyond the Orange and River Subdivision to SCRRA's four other Subdivisions with passenger operations. SCRRA is proposing to modify the previous ATS/BNSF criteria for installing inert ATS inductors on the approach to 4 degree or greater curves. The new criteria would be to install inert inductors in approach of 20 miles per hour (mph) or greater permanent speed reductions. Freight train locomotives would not be equipped per the current operating convention.

The new criteria would result in the following additional 43 inert ATS inductor installations for eastward and westward movements:

Valley Subdivision—14 (7 West and 7 East).

Ventura Subdivision—4 (2 West and 2 East).

Olive Subdivision—1 (1 East).

San Gabriel Subdivision—12 (7 West and 5 East).

Orange Subdivision—12 (7 West and 5 East).

Applicant's justification for relief: SCRRA feels that the justification for installing additional inert inductors is as follows:

1. Provides increased situational awareness for passenger train engine men approaching (20 mph or greater) civil speed reductions.

2. Compatible with existing SCRRA and Amtrak passenger train ATS equipped fleet.

3. Wayside inert ATS inductors can be designed, procured, and installed in 9 months or less.

4. Minimal changes required to existing SCRRA operating practices.

5. Simplified design, procurement and installation process allows SCRRA resources to be devoted to deploying Positive Train Control (PTC).

6. Inert inductors can be easily removed when PTC with active civil speed enforcement is deployed.

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.

Any interested party desiring to protest the granting of an application shall set forth specifically the grounds upon which the protest is made, and it shall 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 these proceedings should be identified by Docket Number FRA-2008-0134 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 30 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 Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2008-0362]

Medical Review Board Public Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Medical Review Board (MRB) Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces a public meeting of the Agency's MRB. The MRB public meeting will provide the public an opportunity to observe and participate in MRB deliberations about FMCSA's medical standards, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).

DATES: The MRB meeting will be held from 9 a.m.–11:45 a.m. on Monday, January 12, 2009. Please refer to the preliminary agenda for this meeting in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice for specific information.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Embassy Suites Old Town Alexandria, 1900 Diagonal Road, Virginia Ballroom—Salon A, Alexandria, VA 22314. You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket ID FMCSA-2008-0362 using any of the following methods:

• *Federal eRulemaking Portal*: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

• *Mail*: Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

• *Hand Delivery*: West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

• *Fax*: 1-202-493-2251.

Each submission must include the Agency name and the docket ID for this Notice. Note that DOT posts all comments received without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information included in a comment. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or Room W12-140 on the ground level of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The FDMS is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. If you want acknowledgment that we received your comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard or print the acknowledgement page that appears after submitting comments on-line.

Privacy Act: Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or of the person signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.).

You may review the DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19476). This information is also available at <http://Docketinfo.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Mary D. Gunnels, Director, Medical Programs, (202) 366-4001, fmcsamedical@dot.gov, FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W64-224, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the

meeting, contact Jennifer Musick at 703-998-0189 ext. 237.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *The preliminary agenda for the meeting includes:*

0900-0915 Call to Order, Introduction and Agenda Review.

0915-0930 Special Presentation to the Medical Review Board.

0930-1000 Stroke and Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Driver Safety Evidence Report.

1000-1030 Stroke and CMV Driver Safety Medical Expert Recommendations.

1030-1045 Public Comment to the Medical Review Board.

1045-1145 MRB Deliberations on Stroke and CMV Driver Safety.

1145 Call to Adjourn.

Background

The U.S. Secretary of Transportation announced on March 7, 2006, the five medical experts who serve on FMCSA's Medical Review Board (MRB). Section 4116 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU, Pub. L. 109-59) requires the Secretary of Transportation with the advice of the MRB to "establish, review, and revise medical standards for operators of Commercial Motor Vehicles (CMVs) that will ensure that the physical condition of operators is adequate to enable them operate the vehicles safely." FMCSA is planning updates to the physical qualification regulations of CMV drivers, and the MRB will provide the necessary science-based guidance to establish realistic and responsible medical standards.

The MRB operates in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) as announced in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 57642, October 3, 2005). The MRB is charged initially with the review of all current FMCSA medical standards (49 CFR 391.41), as well as making recommendations for new science-based standards and guidelines to ensure that drivers operating CMVs in interstate commerce, as defined in CFR 390.5, are physically capable of doing so.

Meeting Participation

Attendance is open to the interested public, including medical examiners, motor carriers, drivers, and representatives of medical and scientific associations. Written comments for this MRB meeting will also be accepted beginning on December 2, 2008, and

* Breaks will be announced on meeting day and may be adjusted according to schedule changes, other meeting requirements.

continuing until January 26, 2008, and should include the docket ID that is listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

During the MRB meeting (1030-1045), oral comments may be limited depending on how many persons wish to comment; and will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis as requestors register at the meeting. The comments must directly address relevant medical and scientific issues on the MRB meeting agenda. For more information, please view the following Web site: <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/mrb>.

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Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2008-0018 (Notice No. 08-7)]

Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice revises mathematical calculations of the total annual burden hours for OMB Control No. 2137-0022, indicated under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of the Docket No. PHMSA-2008-0018 (Notice 08-1) Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review; 2008 Renewals, published in the **Federal Register** on February 13, 2008 (73 FR 8400). In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below will be forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comments. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and the expected burden.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 2, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the burden estimate, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), *Attention*: Desk Officer for PHMSA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. Comments are