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- *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.

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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 from the requirements of 49 CFR part 236, as detailed below.

Norfolk Southern Corporation

[Docket Number FRA-2010-0011]

The Norfolk Southern Corporation (NS) seeks relief from the requirements of the Rules, Standards, and Instructions, Title 49 CFR 236.377 Approach Locking, 236.378 Time Locking, 236.379 Route Locking, 236.380 Indication Locking, and 236.381 Traffic Locking, regarding performance of locking test at intervals not to exceed 2 years, on processor-based solid-state systems to the extent that only the following be required every 4 years after initial testing or program change:

1. Performing appropriate test on equipment external to the solid-state interlocking at the interlocking site to verify integrity of this equipment, including verifying the integrity of underground cable connecting the solid-state interlocking to the external equipment. Equipment that would be verified to the processor inputs would include power switch control and indication, track circuit indication, signal aspect control, and if used, searchlight signal control and indication.

2. Verifying that the executive and application software has not changed since the previous locking test was made. This verification includes verifying accuracy of the check sum and CRC values of all programmable elements used in the solid-state interlocking equipment at the interlocking, as well as verifying the correct version and revision levels of the software being used. This verification is done by comparing the parameters found on all programmable elements at the location with those parameters found in the Software Management System (SMS) for the location.

3. Verifying the run time of variable run time elements employed at the

solid-state interlocking and ensuring that the run times of these are in accordance with timings specified on the design plans.

Applicant's justification for relief: NS feels that tests being performed on a 2-year interval provide no real safety benefit since the equipment operates using programmed logic that once installed does not change. FRA's Subpart H rule-making has resulted in the invoking of a strict software change and revision control process for application and executive software of solid-state systems, with the underlying premise of this rule-making being that safety is maintained when software revision levels and software changes are controlled and managed. NS believes that architectural features inherent to solid-state interlockings permit them to consistently deliver enhanced safety as compared to their relay-based counterparts. The dual microprocessor design of these systems where identical processes are executed in parallel and where these systems are able to continuously monitor operational status as well as status of ancillary components enables solid-state systems to deliver an overall superior level of safety as compared to relay-based counterparts. NS believes that these attributes have contributed to the solid-state's successful delivery of an unparalleled track record in the areas of safety and reliability. NS currently employs 650 solid-state interlocking systems, many of which have been in service approaching 25 years. In the years since first deployed, there have been no recorded instances of these systems experiencing unsafe-side failure attributed to undetected system hardware or executive software malfunction.

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 THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The OCC, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The OCC is

soliciting comment concerning an extension of OMB approval of the information collection titled, "Interagency Guidance on Asset Securitization Activities."

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 17, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Communications Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Mailstop 2-3, Attention: 1557-0217, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219. In addition, comments may be sent by fax to (202) 874-5274, or by electronic mail to regs.comments@occ.treas.gov. You may personally inspect and photocopy the comments at the OCC, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219. For security reasons, the OCC requires that visitors make an appointment to inspect comments. You may do so by calling (202) 874-4700. Upon arrival, visitors will be required to present valid government-issued photo identification and to submit to security screening in order to inspect and photocopy comments.

Additionally, you should send a copy of your comments to OCC Desk Officer, 1557-0217, by mail to U.S. Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., #10235, Washington, DC 20503, or by fax to (202) 395-6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may request additional information or a copy of the collection and supporting documentation submitted to OMB by contacting: Mary H. Gottlieb, (202) 874-5090, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Interagency Guidance on Asset Securitization Activities.

OMB Control No.: 1557-0217.

Type of Review: Extension, without revision, of a currently approved collection.

Description: This information collection applies to institutions engaged in asset securitization and consists of a written asset securitization policy, the documentation of fair value of retained interests, and a management information system to monitor securitization activities. Institution management uses the collection as the basis for the safe and sound operation of their asset securitization activities. The OCC uses the information to evaluate the quality of an institution's risk management practices.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Burden Estimates:

Estimated Number of Respondents: 33.

Estimated Number of Responses: 97.

Estimated Annual Burden: 478 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and

(e) Estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: March 11, 2010.

Michele Meyer,

Assistant Director, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

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