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 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.

City of Jasper, Indiana

[Docket Number FRA–2009–0112] The City of Jasper, Indiana (Jasper) acquired a railroad passenger car, number XCJI 200, built in 1947, and offers it for use in tourist/excursion service over the Dubois County Railroad and the French Lick, West Baden & Southern Railway. The railroad distance between Jasper and French Lick, Indiana, is approximately 25 miles. The car is currently equipped with automotive-type laminated glazing, which is non-compliant with FRA safety requirements.

Jasper petitioned FRA for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Safety Glazing Standards—Locomotives, Passenger Cars and Cabooses, as prescribed by 49 CFR 223.15(c) Requirements for existing passenger cars. Specifically, this waiver request applies to only passenger car number XCJI 200 because all other cars operating on the tourist/excursion train were built prior to 1946, and considered “antiquated” under § 223.3 Application.

Jasper states that the reason for the waiver request is the high cost of compliant FRA Types I & II glazing material, and that the automotive-type glass is similar to the glazing installed on other cars operating over the French Lick, West Baden & Southern Railway. Further, Jasper states in their petition, there have been no reported acts of vandalism to the refurbished passenger cars.

In summary, Jasper requests relief from the regulatory requirements of 49 CFR 223.15(c) Requirements for existing passenger cars (including the required four emergency windows) for one passenger car, built in 1947, used in tourist/excursion service at a maximum authorized speed of 15 mph. 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–2009–0112) and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- **Web site:** [http://www.regulations.gov](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., Washington, DC 20590.
- **Hand Delivery:** 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W12–140, 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://www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).
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Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District

[Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA–2010–24562]

The Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) seeks approval to participate in a previously granted waiver of compliance with the requirements of the Passenger Equipment Safety Standards contained in 49 CFR 238.309(b)(3), Periodic brake equipment maintenance, which requires that brake equipment receive periodic maintenance at 736 days. The previously granted waiver was issued to the Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation (METRA) and authorized METRA to extend the time period from 736 days between inspections to 1,840 days for 26 new bi-level electric passenger MU’s.

NICTD purchased 14 bi-level electric MU’s that are equipped with identical braking systems as the 26 electric MU locomotives for which the relief was previously granted. The 14 NICTD cars are the subject of this waiver request. The 14 NICTD cars and the 26 METRA cars were built by Sumitomo Corporation of America/Nippon Sharyo and the air brake system was provided by Knorr Brake Corporation, Westminster, Maryland. NICTD explains in its petition that the brake application is transmitted electronically to each MU’s Friction Brake Control Unit (FBCU). The FBCU then provides the requested brake application without drawing down brake pipe pressure. An Emergency Magnetic Valve is provided on each MU for an electronic emergency brake application.

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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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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Association of American Railroads

[Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA–2010–0026]

The Association of American Railroads (AAR), on behalf of its member railroads, seek a waiver of compliance with the Locomotive Safety Standards, 49 CFR 229.129(b)(2), which requires that the sound level of locomotive horns manufactured before September 18, 2006 be tested before June 24, 2010. AAR member railroads own approximately 24,000 locomotives, most of which were manufactured before September 18, 2006. AAR estimates that over 50 percent of these locomotives have not yet been tested. AAR states that there are a number of reasons that the testing has not progressed as rapidly as needed to meet the requirement, site requirements, weather conditions, community noise complaints, and developing automated testing facilities. AAR requests that the requirement to complete testing of horns on locomotives built prior to September 18, 2006, be extended to December 30, 2012, for its membership.

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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