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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

[Docket No. FRA-2009-0016]

#### Metrics and Standards for Intercity Passenger Rail Service under Section 207 of the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008

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

**ACTION:** Response to Comments; Issuance of Metrics and Standards.

**SUMMARY:** Section 207 of the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (Division B of Pub. L. 110-432) (PRIIA) charged the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and Amtrak jointly and in consultation with other parties, with developing new or improving existing metrics and

minimum standards for measuring the performance and service quality of intercity passenger train operations. In compliance with the statute, the FRA and Amtrak jointly drafted performance metrics and standards for intercity passenger rail service and, on March 13, 2009, posted a draft document, entitled "Proposed Metrics and Standards for Intercity Passenger Rail Service," on the FRA's Web site. Simultaneously, the FRA published a notice in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 10983) requesting comments on the Proposed Metrics and Standards from the Surface Transportation Board, rail carriers over whose rail lines Amtrak trains operate, States, Amtrak employees, nonprofit employee organizations representing Amtrak employees, and groups representing Amtrak passengers. Seventeen comments were submitted to the corresponding docket (number FRA-2009-0016) at [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) by the end of the comment period on March 27, 2009 and as a result, the FRA and Amtrak have jointly made, and are jointly issuing, revisions to the Metrics and Standards. The final version of the Metrics and Standards is posted on the FRA's Web site at <http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/2165>.

**DATES:** These Metrics and Standards are in effect as of May 11, 2010.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Neil E. Moyer, Chief, Financial and Economic Analysis Division, Office of Passenger and Freight Programs, Office of Railroad Policy and Development, Federal Railroad Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation (e-mail [Neil.Moyer@dot.gov](mailto:Neil.Moyer@dot.gov); telephone 202-493-6365); or Edgar E. Courtemanch, Sr. Principal, Operations Service Planning, Amtrak (e-mail [CourteE@amtrak.com](mailto:CourteE@amtrak.com); telephone 202-906-3249).

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-2010-21]

#### Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of petition for exemption received.

**SUMMARY:** This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of 14 CFR. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of the petition or its final disposition.

**DATES:** Comments on this petition must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before June 1, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments identified by Docket Number FAA-2010-0395 using any of the following methods:

- *Government-wide rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.

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*Docket:* To read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or to the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Laverne Brunache (202) 267-3133 or Tyneka Thomas (202) 267-7626, Office of Rulemaking, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

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**Pamela Hamilton-Powell,**

*Director, Office of Rulemaking.*

### **Petition for Exemption**

*Docket No.:* FAA–2010–0395.

*Petitioner:* Recurrent Training Center, Inc.

*Section of 14 CFR Affected:* 14 CFR 141.5(d).

*Description of Relief Sought:*

In August 2011, Recurrent Training Center, Inc. (RTC), current pilot school certificate (No. R9KS949K) will expire. As such, RTC seeks relief from 14 CFR 141.5(d) to substitute an end of course test for the knowledge test requirement as an alternative measurement of the quality of training.

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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 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.

#### **Pacific Locomotive Association, Inc.**

[Docket Number FRA–2010–0007]

The Pacific Locomotive Association, Inc. (PLA), operators of the Niles Canyon Railway Museum (NCRY), requests Special Approval to continue their operation of former freight equipment that was converted for use as tourist/excursion passenger cars or museum exhibits. NCRY operates a tourist/museum railroad on approximately 13 miles of former Southern Pacific Company right-of-way between Niles and Pleasanton, California. The museum railroad is staffed by volunteer members of PLA, a non-profit organization since 1965, for historical and educational purposes and does not interchange freight.

The petitioner requests this relief from the requirements of Title 49 CFR 215.203 *Restricted cars*, and 215.303 *Stenciling of restricted cars*, for both their freight equipment used in their tourist railroad operations, and for

“photo freights,” which are non-revenue service freight trains of antiquated equipment. They provide the public with an opportunity to view freight trains of a by-gone era for educational purposes. The cars are operated at a maximum speed of 20 miles per hour and typically operate at a maximum of 40 total miles distance per day. There are four classes of cars operated on NCRY: passenger use, cabooses, freight cars, and roster cars. The cars for passenger use are open freight cars with seats designed for passenger viewing of the scenery of the Niles Canyon. These cars carry a total weight, passengers and seats, of 10 tons which is nominally 25% of their designed capacity. The cabooses are typically used for small private parties. Additional seats have been added for patrons and always have a PLA car attendant on board.

As an operating railroad museum, NCRY has restored some of their freight cars with the original paint schemes and reporting marks in an effort to interpret the history of West Coast railroading in the early 20th century. When used in “photo freight” trains, these restored antiquated freight cars are operated empty, and typically, these events are held only 2–4 times per year. In addition, some of these cars such as side-dump gondola cars are also used in maintenance-of-way service to aid in maintain the museum's railroad. The cars listed as “roster cars” are additional equipment that NCRY has available for future restoration. The equipment will be added to the active roster when the appropriate repairs or maintenance has been completed.

NCRY operates an annual seasonal train between November 27th and December 23rd, Friday–Sunday, and the remaining operations on Sundays with open cars during spring, summer, and fall. An annual “Steam Fest” is another important event held on two weekends in March. This event involves use of restricted freight equipment converted for passenger use to achieve the patron capacity necessary. The loss of seating due to the removal from service of these freight/converted freight cars would adversely impact NCRY's revenue and their ability to maintain and preserve the museum's collection.

NCRY has operated since 1988, and continues to endeavor to maintain all equipment, operations, and track to FRA's compliance standards. To date, no FRA safety violations have been issued to NCRY, and no equipment-related derailments or accidents have occurred since May 1988, when the museum began operating.

In summary, NCRY requests relief from the regulatory requirements of 49

CFR 215.203 *Restricted cars*, and 215.303 *Stenciling of restricted cars*, for antiquated freight equipment used in tourist/excursion service. A comprehensive listing of the 51 pieces of equipment is provided at “Exhibit A” in Docket Number FRA–2010–0007, including the reason(s) for their restricted use.

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–2010–0007) and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

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