

RTCA Special Committee 219: Attitude and Heading Reference System (AHRS).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held September 14–16, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at RTCA, Inc., 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC 20036.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** RTCA Secretariat, 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC 20036; telephone (202) 833-9339; fax (202) 833-9434; Web site <http://www.rtca.org>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a Special Committee 219: Attitude and Heading Reference System (AHRS) meeting. The agenda will include:

- Welcome/Introductions/ Administrative Remarks.
- Agenda overview.
- Review/Approve Fourth Meeting Summary, RTCA Paper No. 087-10/SC219-008.
- Review Summary from last working group meeting.
- Review current state of the final document.
- Plan working group sessions for the week.
- Working group sessions.
- Reassemble final document for distribution outside of committee.
- Re-evaluate dates, location, and agendas for next couple of working group and Plenary meetings.
- Other business.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairmen, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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**Francisco Estrada C.,**

*RTCA Advisory Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### Petition for Waiver of Compliance

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-1998-4821

*Applicant:* Mr. Timothy R. Luhm, Canadian National, Manager S&C, 17641 South Ashland Avenue, Homewood, Illinois 60430.

The Canadian National (CN) seeks an extension for an additional 5 years of a waiver on the former Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company (DMIR) that permits the railroad to utilize wheel counters to detect trains over the spans of their steel deck bridges. This waiver was granted by FRA on January 29, 2001, was renewed on April 25, 2006, and will currently expire on April 25, 2011. In addition to the extension, CN requests that the allowable maximum authorized speed over the subject bridges be increased from 25 miles per hour (mph) to 40 mph.

The Applicant's justification for the request is that during the past 10 years in which the wheel counters have been in service on the DMIR, no incidents have occurred at the location of the wheel counter devices. Any failures in the wheel counter devices have been failsafe, resulting in train operations at restricted speed. During the past 10 years, no broken rails occurred on the bridges where such systems are installed. As for the increase in maximum authorized speed from 25 to 40 mph, CN states that train handling will be improved and safety enhanced due to less frequent speed transitions. In addition, steel-deck bridges on the DMIR in signaled territory that have traditional signal system trap circuits are not restricted in maximum authorized speed.

Any interested party desiring to protest the granting of an application shall set forth specifically the grounds upon which the protest is made, and include 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.

FRA expects to be able to determine these matters without an oral hearing. However, if a specific request for an oral hearing is accompanied by a showing that the party is unable to adequately present his or her position by written statements, an application may be set for public hearing.

All communications concerning this proceeding should be identified by Docket Number FRA-1998-4821 and

may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- Web site: <http://www.regulations.gov> Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic site;
- Fax: 202-493-2251;
- Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590; or
- Hand Delivery: Room W12-140 of the U.S. Department of Transportation West Building Ground Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, 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>.

FRA wishes to inform all potential commenters that anyone is able to search the electronic form of all 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 (65 FR 19477) or at <http://www.dot.gov/privacy.html>.

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**Robert C. Lauby,**

*Deputy Associate Administrator for Regulatory and Legislative Operations.*

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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.

**Walden's Ridge Railroad Company; Heritage Railroad; Southern Appalachia Railway Museum**

[Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2010-0118]

The Walden's Ridge Railroad Company (WRRRC), Heritage Railroad (HR), and Southern Appalachia Railway Museum (SARM) of Roane County, Tennessee, seeks a waiver of compliance from *Control of Alcohol and Drug Use*, 49 CFR part 219 subparts D through G, which require a railroad to conduct reasonable suspicion alcohol and/or drug testing, pre-employment drug testing, random alcohol and drug testing, and to have voluntary referral and co-worker report policies. The three railroads combined have less than 16 hours of service employees, and the waiver is sought until such time as they jointly have 16 or more hours of service employees.

HR has contracted its freight operations out to WRRRC, which has 3 part-time employees and historically handles 500 or fewer annual carloads. SARM has 6 hours of service employees who are part-time volunteers and who operate a passenger train on the HR, transporting about 5,000 passengers each year. The employees and volunteers are used interchangeably among the freight and passenger operations.

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-2010-0118) 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>.

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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.

#### Bluewater Michigan Chapter, Inc.

[Docket Number FRA-2009-0081]

The Bluewater Michigan Chapter, Inc. National Railway Historical Society (Bluewater), requests a waiver from compliance from the requirements related to the glazing installed on seven passenger cars used in tourist/excursion service. The cars covered by this petition were built between 1947 and 1957, and all carry the same reporting mark, BMCX. They are numbered: 857—

52-seat passenger coach, 829—52-seat passenger coach, 832—52-seat passenger coach, 899—40-seat dining car, 9486—14-roomette sleeping/baggage car, 6604—48-seat round-end passenger car, and 9646—baggage car.

Specifically, the petitioner requests this relief from the requirements of 49 CFR 223.15(c), *Requirements for existing passenger cars*, including the requirement to install at least four emergency windows. Bluewater offers these passenger cars for occasional tourist/excursions over several host railroads: The Lake State Railroad, Great Lakes Central Railroad, Rail America, The Chesapeake and Indiana Railroad Company, Saginaw Bay Southern Railroad, and the Ohio Central Railroad. These cars will operate over mostly single-track railroad lines in rural areas, and at speeds less than 45 mph.

Bluewater believes that the operation of these cars in tourist/excursion service are exposed to a low potential for damage to the existing glazing from debris from surrounding structures, or from track-side vandals. Further, they are not aware of any incidents of broken windows, or any other passenger safety issues caused by the windows in the above listed cars while in operation over their host railroads. As a Chapter of the National Railroad Historical Society, a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of railroad history, most of the society's annual revenue is derived from the operation of these cars in tourist/excursion service. As stated in their petition, Bluewater's cost estimate to replace all the current windows, thus bringing the glazing into compliance with the CFR's requirements, would meet or exceed the total value of the cars. A requirement to replace all the windows in all the cars will result in their permanent retirement, as the Chapter does not have the financial ability to replace the glazing on all cars. The loss of revenue from tourist/excursion use of these cars would cause severe harm to the Bluewater organization and to neighboring organizations who also benefit from their excursions.

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