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**Brownsville & Rio Grande International Railroad**

[Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2010-0100]

The Brownsville & Rio Grande International (BRG) seeks a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of 49 CFR part 232 —*Brake System Safety Standards for Freight and Other Non-Passenger Trains and Equipment; End-of Train Devices* and CFR Part 215—*Railroad Freight Car Safety Standards*. Specifically, BRG seeks relief to permit trains transferred by the Union Pacific Railroad (UP) under waiver petition Docket Number FRA-2007-28340 from the U.S./Mexico border at Brownsville, Texas, from the Kansas City Southern De Mexico Railway (KCSM), to move from BRG's interchange point with UP without performing the regulatory tests and inspections specified in 49 CFR part 215 and § 232.205(a)(1) at that location. BRG proposes moving the trains from the interchange at Milepost (MP) 4.48 to the BRG inspection point between MP 8.0 and 9.0 under 49 CFR 232.211, a distance of 6.5 miles where required FRA inspections will be performed.

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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**Union Pacific Railroad Company**

[Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2007-28340]

The Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) seeks a modification to its waiver of compliance with certain requirements of 49 CFR part 232 —*Brake System Safety Standards for Freight and Other Non-Passenger Trains and Equipment; End-of Train Devices* and CFR Part 215—*Railroad Freight Car Safety Standards*. Specifically, UP seeks to modify the current waiver to allow it to move freight cars received in interchange from Kansas City Southern de Mexico (KCSM) for the Brownsville and Rio Grande International Railroad (BRG) an additional 4 miles beyond its Olmito Yard for interchange with BRG without performing the regulatory tests and inspections specified in 49 CFR part 215 and 232.205(a)(1).

UP proposes moving the trains from the border at Milepost (MP) 0.7 on the Brownsville subdivision, to the UP interchange with BRG at MP 4.48, a distance of 11.5 miles. BRG will then move the cars to a location, and FRA inspections will be performed as outlined in BRG's Waiver Petition under Docket Number FRA-2010-0100.

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#### Trackside Investments

[Docket Number FRA-2010-0012]

The Trackside Investments, LLC (Trackside) petitioned FRA for relief from the requirements of 49 CFR 223.15(c) *Existing passenger cars* for ten (10) passenger cars. All of the passenger cars carry the same reporting mark (OHCR) and are numbered: 3208, 5443, 5444, 5499, 5582, 5583, 5584, 5595, 5642, and 9300. They were built by the Canadian Car and Foundry Company in 1954, and used by VIA Rail Canada until the mid-1990's, in long distance passenger service.

The equipment does not meet the definition of "antiquated" equipment. FRA's long-standing definition of "antiquated" applies to equipment to built prior to the end of World War II.

In this case, even though the above listed equipment is used on in tourist/excursion/educational service, relief from the Federal safety glazing requirements is required because the cars were built in 1954. The cars are equipped with double pane, sealed laminated safety glass, with certain windows marked as emergency exits. Also, the cars have emergency tools and instructional signage to break the marked windows, as installed by VIA Rail.

The above referenced passenger cars and cabooses have occasionally been leased for excursion service purposes to similar organizations in the Midwest region of the United States, and Trackside proposes to continue this practice in the future. In all instances, the excursion trains operate through urban, rural and wooded areas. The coaches are used at speeds up to and including 45 mph. There have been no reported incidents of stoning or acts of vandalism against the excursion trains. Trackside believes that the cost to retrofit these cars is not economically feasible due to the limited annual use of the cars and low exposure to vandalism. For example, the average use of these cars over the past 24 months was approximately 30 service days.

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### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-1999-6156; FMCSA-2000-7006; FMCSA-2001-9561; FMCSA-2001-10578; FMCSA-2001-11426; FMCSA-2002-11714; FMCSA-2002-13411; FMCSA-2003-16241; FMCSA-2003-16564; FMCSA-2004-17195; FMCSA-2005-21711; FMCSA-2005-22194; FMCSA-2005-23099; FMCSA-2005-23238; FMCSA-2006-23773; FMCSA-2006-24015; FMCSA-2006-24783; FMCSA-2006-25246; FMCSA-2008-0021]

#### Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Renewals; Vision

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

**ACTION:** Notice of final disposition.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA previously announced its decision to renew the exemptions from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for 60 individuals. FMCSA has statutory authority to exempt individuals from the vision requirement if the exemptions granted will not compromise safety. The Agency has concluded that granting these exemptions will provide a level of safety that will be equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety maintained without the exemptions for these commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers.