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 from New Jersey Transit (NJT). NJT seeks a modification to the original terms and conditions of its waiver of compliance that was granted in 1999. As part of NJT’s construction of a future Pennsauken transfer station (allowing transfers between Atlantic City commuter trains and the River Line), NJT is lengthening the Pennsauken siding at Control Point (CP) 55 to now include Minson siding; incorporating trackwork improvements and changes to the signal and train control (S&TC) system. NJT submits that this request is consistent with the waiver process for shared use. (See Statement of Agency Policy Concerning Jurisdiction Over the Safety of Railroad Passenger Operations and Waivers Related to Shared Use of the Tracks of the General Railroad System by Light Rail and Conventional Equipment, 65 FR 42529 (July 10, 2000); see also Joint Statement of Agency Policy Concerning Shared Use of the Tracks of the General Railroad System by Conventional Railroads and Light Rail Transit Systems, 65 FR 42626 (July 10, 2000).)

Specifically, in April 2007, FRA approved NJT’s S&TC improvements between CP43 and CP70 (which includes CP Ross, Minson siding, and Pennsauken siding) along its River Line.