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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2012-0022]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated January 6, 2012, the Cass Scenic Railroad State Park (CASS) has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2012-0022.

Specifically, CASS seeks a waiver of compliance for five freight cars from 49 CFR 215.303, which requires stenciling on restricted freight cars; and 49 CFR 231.1(a)3(i), which requires that "[t]he hand brake shall be so located that it

can be safely operated while car is in motion." In this same docket, CASS was previously granted a Special Approval for these same five overage cars, permitting them to continue in service beyond 50 years from the date of construction in accordance with 49 CFR 215.203(c).

CASS stated that two of the five cars in this petition were built as 40-foot steel frame cars to carry logs. Their exact ages are unknown but they are thought to have been constructed in the 1940s. The third car is a 40-foot flatcar built in the 1950s. The fourth car is a 40-foot tank car built in the 1950s. The fifth car is a 40-foot hopper car built in 1958. The hand brakes on these five cars cannot be used while the cars are in motion. The hand brakes can only be manually applied when the cars are at rest, using a ratchet lever at the end of the frame.

CASS stated that there are occasions where they used these cars in special charter trains for photographic purposes only. There are usually two or three such charter trains operated each year. Passengers are not carried on the cars or on the trains in which the cars are operated. The cars subject to this petition do not exceed a speed of 10 mph.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

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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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2012-0041]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated April 4, 2012, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Metro-North Commuter Railroad (MNCW) has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 236. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2012-0041.

MNCW seeks relief from the 2-year periodic testing requirements of the rules, standards, and instructions found at 49 CFR Sections 236.377, Approach locking; 236.378, Time locking; 236.379, Route locking; 236.380, Indication locking; and 236.381, Traffic locking on vital microprocessor-based systems. MNCW proposes to verify and test signal locking systems controlled by microprocessor-based equipment by use of alternative procedures every 4 years after initial baseline testing or program change as follows:

- Verify the cyclic redundancy check/ checksum/universal control number of the existing location's specific application logic to the previously tested version that is maintained in MNCW's Software Management Control Plan per requirements of 49 CFR 236.18.

- Test associated hardware connections outside the processor to verify that inputs from switch indication, searchlight signal (where provided), track indication, or other vital inputs to the processor yield the intended output to switches or other devices intended to be locked in the field.

- Analyze and compare results of each 4-year alternative test with the results of the baseline testing performed at the location, and submit results to FRA. MNCW submitted a list with their petition of 28 signal locations currently in service and subject to the relief being requested.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

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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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2012 0061]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel WINDSONG; Invitation for Public Comments

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before June 20, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2012-0061. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except

federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joann Spittle, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W21-203, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-5979, Email Joann.Spittle@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel WINDSONG is:

Intended Commercial Use of Vessel: "6 passenger sailing charter."

Geographic Region: "Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida." The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2012-0061 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388, that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

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By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: May 15, 2012.

Julie P. Agarwal,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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