

awarded based on an employee's seniority. FRA's current policy only allows a maximum series of at most 14 consecutive calendar days to reset at the end of the 14th day, or when an employee does not initiate an on-duty period for any 2 calendar days within the 14 consecutive calendar-day series.

In support of the request, LIRR explained that after the first general pick, about 20 employees were required to take 1 or 2 workdays off to avoid violating Federal requirements. As a result, employees suffered financially, and employee availability was reduced, disrupting LIRR's ability to provide timely and efficient service for its customers. LIRR argues that allowing the 14 consecutive calendar-day series to reset after a general pick, or a large timetable revision, will prevent any future employee financial losses and disruptions in LIRR's ability to provide optimum service to its customers.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

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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 October 9, 2012, the Albany Port Railroad (APRR) and the United Transportation Union (UTU) have jointly petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for an extension of their waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal hours of service laws contained at 49 U.S.C. 21103(a)(4). FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2012-0068.

In the petition, APRR and UTU seek relief from 49 U.S.C. 21103(a)(4), which in part requires a train employee to receive 48 hours off duty after initiating an on-duty period for 6 consecutive days. Specifically, APRR and UTU seek an extension of the waiver to allow a train employee to initiate an on-duty period for 6 consecutive days followed by 24 hours off duty. In support of the request, APRR explained they have four train employees of which three work a single regular assignment Monday through Friday, beginning at 6 a.m. and usually ending at 1 p.m. The remaining employee holds a relief position and works for the other three employees when they require a day off. Finally, APRR states that the work is always performed within the confines of the Albany Port, which consists of yard tracks with a speed of 5 mph.

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