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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2004-17099]

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 November 20, 2012, the Metro-North Railroad (MNR) has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations at 49 CFR Section 238.309(b)(3) regarding periodic brake maintenance for multiple unit (MU) locomotives and the special approval procedure under 49 CFR Section 238.21(b). This petition is filed to increase the duration of the periodic brake equipment maintenance interval for the MNR MU M8 Air Brake System (KB-CT1a) and to include by amendment this 405-unit fleet to the age exploration M7 waiver. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2004-17099.

MNR is also requesting to exclude test requirements for all the air brake valves in the KB-CT1a (M8) System that are currently part of the KB-CT1 (M7) System. MNR requests that these components be considered to have the same standard life expectancy as determined by the M7 waiver (Docket Number FRA-2004-17099). The MNR M7 fleet is currently undergoing age exploration tests. The MNR M7 fleet is averaging 68,000 miles a year per car. The current MNR fleets that the M8 fleet is replacing average 64,000 miles a year per car, which delineates a similar wear and life expectancy to that of the M7. MNR proposes to test only those components not yet captured by the KB-CT1 (M7) age exploration testing in support of this request.

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 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.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number 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 by February 11, 2013 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of any written communications and 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 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78), or online at <http://www.dot.gov/privacy.html>.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Limitation on Claims against Proposed Public Transportation Projects

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces final environmental actions taken by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project, Phase 2 Preliminary Engineering Design Refinements, Fairfax and Loudoun Counties, VA. The purpose of this notice is to announce publicly the environmental decisions by FTA on the subject project and to activate the limitation on any claims that may challenge these final environmental actions.

DATES: By this notice, FTA is advising the public of final agency actions subject to Section 139(l) of Title 23, United States Code (U.S.C.). A claim seeking judicial review of the FTA actions announced herein for the listed public transportation project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before May 27, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy-Ellen Zusman, Assistant Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, (312) 353-2577 or Terence Plaskon, Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Human and Natural Environment, (202) 366-0442. FTA is located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that FTA has taken final agency actions by issuing certain approvals for the public transportation project listed below. The actions on this project, as well as the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the documentation issued in connection with the project to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and in other documents in the FTA administrative record for the projects. Interested parties may contact either the project sponsor or the relevant FTA Regional Office for more information on the project. Contact information for FTA's Regional Offices may be found at <http://www.fta.dot.gov>.

This notice applies to all FTA decisions on the listed project as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including, but not limited to, NEPA [42 U.S.C. 4321-4375], Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 [49 U.S.C. 303], Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act [16 U.S.C. 470f], and the Clean Air Act [42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q]. This notice does not, however, alter or extend the limitation period for challenges of project decisions subject to previous notices published in the **Federal**

Register. The project and actions that are the subject of this notice are:

Project name and location: Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project, Phase 2 Preliminary Engineering Design Refinements, Fairfax and Loudoun Counties, VA. *Project sponsor:* Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (Airports Authority). *Project description:* The Airports Authority is proposing to construct the second phase of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project (Project), a two-phase extension of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Metrorail system to the Washington Dulles International Airport in Loudoun County, VA. The FTA and the Airports Authority originally evaluated the Project through a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) in December 2004. The FTA and the Airports Authority, as joint lead agencies, and the Federal Aviation Administration, as a cooperating agency, evaluated the potential environmental and socioeconomic effects from design refinements for Phase 2 of the Project in an Environmental Assessment (EA) in May 2012. The Phase 2 design refinements are the result of preliminary engineering performed following publication of the FEIS and issuance of an Amended Record of Decision for the Project by FTA in November 2006. The Phase 2 design refinements included changes to parking facilities, side station facilities, ancillary facilities, and relocation of the Dulles International Airport Station from below to above ground. This action is on the December 2012 Finding of No Significant Impact. Nothing in this notice affects FTA's previous decisions, or notice thereof, for this project. More specifically, the statute of limitations for the approvals documented in the project's November 17, 2006 Amended Record of Decision and the environmental documents on which it is based expired on June 4, 2007, as noticed in the **Federal Register** on December 4, 2006 (71 FR 70449). This notice only applies to the discrete actions taken by FTA at this time, as described below. *Final agency actions:* Section 4(f) determination; a Section 106 revised Memorandum of Agreement; and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), dated December 17, 2012. *Supporting documentation:* Environmental Assessment, dated May 2012.

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Lucy Garliauskas,

Associate Administrator for Planning and Environment Washington, DC.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2012-0159, Notice 1]

Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision That Nonconforming 2006–2010 BMW M3 Passenger Cars Are Eligible for Importation

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of petition.

SUMMARY: This document announces receipt by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a petition for a decision that nonconforming 2006–2010 BMW M3 passenger cars that were not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS), are eligible for importation into the United States because they are substantially similar to vehicles that were originally manufactured for sale in the United States and that were certified by their manufacturer as complying with the safety standards (the U.S.-certified version of the 2006–2010 BMW M3 passenger cars) and they are capable of being readily altered to conform to the standards.

DATES: The closing date for comments on the petition is January 28, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to the docket and notice numbers above and be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001
- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
- *Fax:* 202-493-2251

Instructions: Comments must be written in the English language, and be no greater than 15 pages in length, although there is no limit to the length of necessary attachments to the comments. If comments are submitted in hard copy form, please ensure that two copies are provided. If you wish to receive confirmation that your comments were received, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard with the comments. Note that all comments

received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

Privacy Act: 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 19477-78).

How to Read Comments submitted to the Docket: You may read the comments received by Docket Management at the address and times given above. You may also view the documents from the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for accessing the dockets. The docket ID number and title of this notice are shown at the heading of this document notice. Please note that even after the comment closing date, we will continue to file relevant information in the Docket as it becomes available. Further, some people may submit late comments. Accordingly, we recommend that you periodically search the Docket for new material.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Stevens, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, NHTSA (202-366-5308).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(A), a motor vehicle that was not originally manufactured to conform to all applicable FMVSS shall be refused admission into the United States unless NHTSA has decided that the motor vehicle is substantially similar to a motor vehicle originally manufactured for importation into and sale in the United States, certified under 49 U.S.C. 30115, and of the same model year as the model of the motor vehicle to be compared, and is capable of being readily altered to conform to all applicable FMVSS.

Petitions for eligibility decisions may be submitted by either manufacturers or importers who have registered with NHTSA pursuant to 49 CFR part 592. As specified in 49 CFR 593.7, NHTSA publishes notice in the **Federal Register** of each petition that it receives, and affords interested persons an opportunity to comment on the petition. At the close of the comment period, NHTSA decides, on the basis of the petition and any comments that it has received, whether the vehicle is eligible