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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2009-0015]

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 September 6, 2012, Ritron, Incorporated (Ritron) has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for an amendment of a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 232, Brake System Safety Standards for Freight and Other Non-Passenger Trains and Equipment; End-of-Train Devices.

By a letter dated March 30, 2010, Ritron submitted its original petition for a waiver of compliance from 49 CFR 232.409(d), which pertains to the inspection and testing of end-of-train devices, as applied to its DTX-445 and DTX-454 radio transceivers. The provision requires that telemetry equipment be tested for accuracy and calibrated, if necessary, at least every 368 days. The provision also requires that the date and location of the last calibration or test, as well as the name of the person performing the calibration or test, be legibly displayed on a weather-resistant sticker or other marking device affixed to the outside of both the front and the rear unit. On June 21, 2010, FRA's Railroad Safety Board (Board) granted Ritron's petition for a waiver of compliance, subject to certain conditions, in Docket Number FRA-2009-0015.

The proposed amendment sought by Ritron would add its new radio transceiver model, the DTX-460, to the subject waiver. The DTX-460 is a follow-on to the DTX-454, which is already included in the subject waiver. Ritron states that the DTX-454 has been redesigned to remove obsolete parts and to improve its performance. The DTX-

460 is, however, a form, fit, and functional equivalent to the DTX-454. A copy of the Federal Communications Commission certificate and test report can be found in the docket. Additional materials that were provided to the Board include schematics, the alignment procedure, the theory of operation, and the changes from the DTX-454 to the DTX-460.

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.

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 May 24, 2013 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as is practicable.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2013-0021]

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 11, 2013, the City of Superior, Wisconsin (City) 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 222, Use of Locomotive Horns at Public Highway-Rail Grade Crossings, for the highway-rail grade crossing at 28th Street (DOT #061459A) in Superior, WI. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2013-0021.

The City seeks a waiver of compliance from the requirement of 49 CFR 222.41(c)(3), which provides that locomotive horn restrictions may continue until June 24, 2013, for a pre-rule quiet zone that was not able to be established by automatic approval, had been continued under the provisions of 49 CFR 222.31(c)(1) and 222.31(c)(2), and the State agency had provided a comprehensive statewide implementation plan. Specifically, the City requests that it be granted permission to retain its present locomotive horn restriction as trains approach the public highway-rail grade crossing at 28th Street. The City states that it has retained the services of a consultant with quiet zone experience and credentials and is prepared to move forward with the quiet zone continuation process.

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:

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2013-0024]

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 March 6, 2013, BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) 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 234, Grade Crossing Safety, Including Signal Systems, State Action Plans, and Emergency Notification Systems. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2013-0024.

BNSF seeks a waiver from the requirements of 49 CFR 234.106, *Partial activation*, at highway-rail grade crossings that are equipped with four-quadrant gates and automated horn system (AHS) equipment throughout its rail network. Specifically, BNSF seeks FRA's approval to operate AHS equipment at four-quadrant gate installations in the event that the exit gates fail to lower to the horizontal position, in lieu of the alternative methods of protection listed in 49 CFR part 234, Appendix B.

BNSF requests this waiver of compliance as a method to minimize operational impacts caused by the malfunction or extended outage of vehicle presence detection systems, both of which are often wholly outside of its control. Typically, maintenance responsibilities for in-pavement inductive-loop detectors lie with the applicable road authority, not BNSF. Additionally, BNSF believes that with respect to exit gates not impacted by State design parameters that require such gates to remain in the vertical position upon failure of the vehicle presence detection system, granting this waiver will similarly minimize operational impacts on BNSF caused by exit gate malfunctions.

In its petition, BNSF submits that granting the waiver will improve safety. It maintains that the safety of the traveling public will be enhanced by allowing for the use of AHS equipment, which provides a recognized warning (an audible horn) that is superior to a crew member, flagman, or police officer present at a crossing. Moreover, BNSF asserts that the requested relief will allow trains to operate through the affected crossings at normal operating speeds, thereby minimizing the length of time that trains obstruct such highway-rail grade crossings. BNSF concludes that, if FRA were to grant the subject waiver, delays to the traveling public would also be reduced.

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.

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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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Communications received by May 24, 2013 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as is practicable.

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