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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2014-0030]

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 25, 2014, the Gulf & Ohio Railways, Inc. (G&O), on behalf of one of its companies, the Knoxville & Holston River Railroad (KXHR), 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 215, Railroad Freight Car Safety Standards. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2014-0030.

G&O requests a waiver on behalf of KXHR from the stenciling requirement specified in 49 CFR 215.303, *Stenciling of restricted cars*, for nine freight cars. The nine cars' reporting marks, car numbers, type, capacity, condition, status, and year built are listed in a table contained in the petition letter.

KXHR operates over 22 miles of track in and around Knoxville, TN. Established in 1998, it normally handles in excess of 7,000 carloads annually. It also operates the Three Rivers Rambler excursion train, owned by a sister company, which travels to and from Knoxville over a 5.5-mile portion of the railroad along the Tennessee River. The excursion train, powered mostly by a steam locomotive, uses three passenger cars built about 80 years ago. Between the two companies, they own nine freight cars that are more than 50 years of age. These cars are being preserved because of their educational value, usefulness in creating an antique freight train that can be operated for photographs, and as a backdrop for the antique passenger train. The maximum

operating speed of these cars will be 10 mph. These cars have been examined and are safe to operate under the conditions in this petition. In the case of cars that are not yet operable, they will be examined and not operated unless they are found to be safe under the conditions requested in this petition. These nine cars will not be interchanged with other railroads.

G&O states that these cars are a collection of antique equipment that is not intended for operation except (1) for repositioning when needed and (2) for photo freight trains, not to exceed three times per year, 20 miles per trip, except that Car KXHR 9 will operate as an open air passenger car on the Three Rivers Rambler excursion train at 10 mph.

In addition, G&O has requested a Special Approval for these nine cars to continue in service in accordance with 49 CFR 205.203(c).

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 August 7, 2014 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 document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). See <http://www.regulations.gov/#!privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of regulations.gov or interested parties may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2014-0044]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated May 5, 2014, Rouge Valley Terminal Railroad Corporation (RVTC) 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 223, Safety Glazing Standards—Locomotives, Passenger Cars, and Cabooses. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2014-0044.

RVTC petitioned for a waiver of compliance for one locomotive from the requirements of 49 CFR 223.11, *Requirements for existing locomotives*, which requires certified glazing in all locations. The subject locomotive is a leased EMD Model SW1 Locomotive built in 1949 and bearing the number WRIX 1001. This locomotive is operated over 9.5 miles of RVTC track and 2 miles of Central Oregon and Pacific Railroad track (for interchange of freight cars), all within the Medford Industrial Park in White City, OR. Speeds do not exceed 10 mph. It is equipped with glazing that meets an ASI rating of AS-1. This locomotive operates over the same trackage under glazing waiver FRA-2008-0106, issued to former operator White City Terminal and Utility Railway, for the last 5 years with no incidents of vandalism to the glazing or any other railroad property. This new waiver petition was necessitated by a

change in corporate ownership. RVTC also cites economic conditions in its request to continue use of the locomotive as presently equipped. 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 Ave. 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 Transit Administration

Early Scoping Reopening Notification for the Alternatives Analysis of the GA 400 Transit Initiative in Fulton County, Georgia

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of reopening of early scoping and comment periods and announcement of additional scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) issue this early scoping notice to advise other agencies and the public that they intend to conduct another round of early scoping. The additional early scoping period will continue the examination of potential alternatives for providing high-capacity transit in the Georgia (GA) 400 corridor in north Fulton County, GA from Dunwoody to Alpharetta. The alternatives would improve transit linkages and coverage to communities within this corridor and would enhance mobility and accessibility to and within the corridor by providing a more robust transit network that offers an alternative to automobile travel. This notice invites the public and agency officials to provide input to the ongoing alternatives analysis and system planning effort by commenting on the project's purpose and need, the project study area, the alternatives being considered, the transportation problems that are being addressed by the alternatives analysis study, public participation and outreach methods, the relevant transportation and community impacts and benefits being considered, known environmental issues raised by public and agency coordination to date, and the projected capital and operating costs of this project.

The early scoping process is intended to support the alternatives analysis and a future National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) scoping process and will help streamline the future development of an environmental impact statement (EIS), if warranted. In addition, the early scoping process supports FTA planning requirements associated with the New

Starts ("Section 5309") funding program for certain kinds of major capital investments. Although recent legislation has led to changes in the New Starts process, MARTA will comply with all relevant FTA requirements relating to planning and project development to help analyze and screen alternatives in preparation for the NEPA process.

The planned public meetings are described immediately below. A more detailed discussion of the project and this early scoping process is included in sections that follow.

DATES: Three early scoping meetings where the public and interested agencies can learn more about and comment on the scope of the alternatives analysis will be held on the following dates at the locations indicated under **ADDRESSES** below:

- Tuesday, July 8, 2014.
- Thursday, July 10, 2014.
- Thursday, July 17, 2014.

At the early scoping meetings, MARTA will provide information on the alternatives analysis progress along with opportunities for written comments. Written or electronic scoping comments are requested by August 8, 2014, and can be sent or emailed to the MARTA project manager at the address below. Comments may also be offered at the early scoping meetings and will be accepted after the deadline as practicable.

ADDRESSES: Written or electronic comments should be sent to Mark Eatman, P.E., Project Manager, MARTA, 2424 Piedmont Road NE., Atlanta GA 30324-3330 or by email to connect400@itsmarta.com. If submitting an electronic comment, please type "Connect 400 Early Scoping Comment for MARTA" in the subject line of the email. MARTA maintains a Facebook page for the Connect 400 project and will notify Facebook followers, in conjunction with publication of this notice, to submit comments to the aforementioned email address as well.

Early Scoping meetings will be held at the following locations:

- Tuesday, July 8, 2014, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., at Johns Creek Environmental Campus, 8100 Holcomb Bridge Road, Roswell, GA 30022.
- Thursday, July 10, 2014, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., at Georgia State University Alpharetta Center, 3775 Brookside Pkwy, Alpharetta, GA 30022.
- Thursday, July 17, 2014, 6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m., Hampton Inn Atlanta—Perimeter Center, 769 Hammond Dr. NE., Atlanta, GA 30328.

The meeting locations are accessible to persons with disabilities. If translation, signing services, or other