

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Railroad Administration****[Docket Number FRA–2014–0071]****Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System**

In accordance with Part 235 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated June 5, 2014, the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval for the discontinuance or modification of a signal system. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2014–0071.

*Applicant:* National Railroad Passenger Corporation, Mr. E. Keith Holt, Deputy Chief Engineer, Communications & Signals, Engineering Department, 4th Floor, 30th and Market Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19104.

Amtrak seeks approval of the proposed discontinuance and removal of automatic block signals and replacement of them with a cab signal-only system between County Interlocking, Milepost (MP) 32.8, in New Brunswick, NJ, and Ham Interlocking, MP 55.7, in Trenton, NJ, on Amtrak's Northeast Division West, formerly the New York Division. The tracks involved are Main Tracks 1 through 4. All four main tracks will be signaled in both directions using a cab signal without wayside signals system.

The reason given for the proposed changes is that this work is associated with the work being done under a high-speed rail grant from FRA for Amtrak to make improvements in the affected area and eventually raise passenger train speeds up to 160 mph.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://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 October 14, 2014 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable.

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**Ron Hynes,**

*Director, Office of Safety Assurance and Compliance.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Railroad Administration****[Docket Number FRA–2014–0079]****Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System**

In accordance with Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 235 and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated July 14, 2014, Watco Companies LLC (Watco), as the owner and operator of the Blue Ridge Southern Railroad LLC (BLU), has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval for the discontinuance or modification of a signal system. FRA

assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2014–0079.

*Applicant:* Watco Companies LLC, Mr. Anthony Cox, Vice President of Engineering, 315 East Third Street, Pittsburg, KS 66762.

Watco seeks approval of the proposed discontinuance of the automatic block signal system, between Asheville, Milepost (MP) 1.00, and East Naples, NC, MP 14.7.

The reason given for the proposed changes is that train traffic is expected to be light on this section of track with only one train per day using the line, with no increases in train traffic in the foreseeable future.

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**Ron Hynes,**

*Director, Office of Safety Assurance and Compliance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2003-15513]

#### 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 received on April 16, 2014, Sunflour Railroad Inc./Denver Rock Island Railroad 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 223.11, *Requirements for existing locomotives*. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2003-15513.

The Sunflour Railroad Inc./Denver Rock Island Railroad (SNR) of Commerce City, Colorado, petitioned for a permanent waiver of compliance for one locomotive (SNR 61) from 49 CFR 223.11(c), which requires certified glazing in all windows. The locomotive is equipped with automotive-type safety glass that is in good condition with no discoloration. SNR operates over 26.3 miles of excepted track in primarily rural territory at speeds not exceeding 10 mph. There has been no instance of vandalism from the time the original waiver was granted in 2003. As stated in the original petition for waiver in 2003, SNR considers that the expense of retrofitting the locomotive to comply with FRA safety glazing standards would impose an undue financial burden on the company to protect against situations it does not encounter.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://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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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2002-13490]

#### 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 May 20, 2014, the Lake Superior Railroad Museum (LSRM) 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 223.11, *Requirements for existing locomotives*. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2002-13490.

The LSRM, formerly the Lake Superior Museum of Transportation, of Duluth, MN, is a nonprofit corporation under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The LSRM collects and displays significant historical railroad equipment and, as part of its interpretation program, operates excursion trains with selected antique items of rolling stock. The LSRM has petitioned for a permanent waiver of compliance for its Erie Mining diesel locomotive, Number 4211, from the railroad safety glazing standards contained at 49 CFR part 223, which require certified glazing in all windows and a minimum of four emergency windows. This locomotive was built by General Motors in 1956 and was restored to operation by museum staff and volunteers. The railroad operates on 26-mile line of the North Shore Scenic Railroad between Duluth and Two Harbors, MN. The LSRM indicates that there has been no instance of vandalism and professes financial burden in retrofitting the locomotive to comply with FRA safety glazing standards.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://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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