

comment from all interested persons on the exemption applications described in this notice. We will consider all comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated earlier in the notice.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2004-20000]

#### 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 17, 2014, Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) 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 229-Railroad Locomotive Safety Standards and Part 234-Grade Crossing Safety, Including Signal Systems, State Action Plans, and Emergency Notification Systems. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2004-20000.

DART, located in Dallas, TX, seeks an extension of its waiver of compliance from certain regulations for continued operation of its rail-fixed guide way public transit lines that share a "limited connection" with the general railroad system, specifically with the Dallas Garland and Northeastern Railroad (DGNO). This request is consistent with the requirements set forth in the Statement of Agency Policy Concerning Jurisdiction Over the Safety of Railroad Passenger Operations and Waivers Related to Shared Use of the Tracks of the General Railroad System by Light Rail and Conventional Equipment, 65 FR 42529 (July 10, 2000); see also Joint Statement of Agency Policy Concerning Shared Use of the Tracks of the General Railroad System by Conventional Railroads and Light Rail Transit Systems, 65 FR 42626 (July 10, 2000).

DART is expanding its light rail operations, and will double in size to 93 miles. To date, the final 2.6 miles of expanded service are scheduled for completion in 2016. Expansion includes various lines that feature some shared corridor operations with DGNO, with up to 50 or more total limited connections at shared highway-rail grade crossings.

Therefore, DART is seeking an extension of the terms and conditions of its current waiver of compliance from the provisions of 49 CFR 229.125-*Headlights and auxiliary lights* and 49 CFR 234.105-*Activation failure*. DART claims that no modifications or changes have occurred since the first waiver was granted on May 2, 2005, and extended for 5 years in April 2010. DART also states in its petition that "since 2010, there is no record of any accidents or safety-related incidents that occurred in these shared corridor portions covered by the regulations where these waivers are being requested."

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 (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2004-20000) 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 within 45 days of the date of this notice 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.). In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at [www.dot.gov/privacy](http://www.dot.gov/privacy). See also <http://www.regulations.gov/#!privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of [www.regulations.gov](http://www.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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**Ron Hynes,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2015-0005]

#### 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 11, 2014, Big Spring Rail System (BSR), has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a 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-2015-0005.

In its petition, BSR seeks relief from 49 U.S.C. 21103(a)(4), which, in part, requires a train employee to receive 48 hours off duty after initiating on-duty periods for 6 consecutive days. Specifically, BSR seeks a waiver to allow a train employee to initiate an on-duty period, each day, for 6 consecutive days followed by 24 hours off duty. In support of the request, BSR explained that its operations are limited to a 2.4-mile long single track with 1 siding capable of holding 12 cars. The BSR also explained that it only has three operating employees that never work more than 10 hours in a duty tour or exceed 276 hours performing service for the railroad in a calendar month.

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Communications received by March 23, 2015 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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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2015-0003]

#### 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 6, 2015, Union Pacific Railroad (UP) 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 213, Track Safety Standards. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2015-0003.

Pursuant to 49 CFR 213.113(a), UP requests a waiver from the accepted practice of stop/start rail testing to start a pilot test process for nonstop continuous testing. The projected starting date for implementing the test process would be June 1, 2015, and the test process would continue for a period of 2 years. The test process would occur on two separate locations within the UP system: the Marysville Subdivision main tracks between Gibbon Junction, NE., and Marysville, KS, and the Baird Subdivision main tracks between Fort Worth and Sweetwater, TX.

For this pilot test, the process would be similar to the waivers granted to CSX Transportation in Docket Number FRA-2011-0107 and the Illinois Central Railroad as prescribed in Docket Number FRA-2014-0029. UP would not have parallel or redundant stop/start testing on the segments being tested in a nonstop process. UP would produce a progress report on a bimonthly basis for review by FRA's Rail Integrity Office. This report would include the in-service rail failure ratios per 49 CFR part 213, a report on the miles tested, and the frequency of testing.

UP currently tests the Marysville Subdivision every 30 days and the Baird Subdivision approximately every 90-120 days. UP plans to increase the frequency on the Marysville Subdivision to every 15-20 days and the frequency on the Baird Subdivision to approximately every 60 days with this process. The nonstop continuous high-speed rail test vehicle will be a self-propelled ultrasonic/induction rail flaw detection vehicle operating at test speeds of up to 25 mph. Upon completion of each daily run, data will be analyzed offline, at a remote location, by technical experts with experience on another Class I railroad with this process. The offline analysts will categorize and prioritize suspect

locations for posttest field verifications and hand tests. Field verification will be conducted within an FRA-prescribed timeframe by UP qualified/certified rail test professionals with recordable field validation equipment based on Global Positioning System locations. All suspect locations will be validated for 30 feet on either side of the suspect GPS locations. Remedial actions will be applied based on the verification results per 49 CFR 213.113, Defective Rails for confirmed rail defect locations.

UP believes nonstop continuous rail testing will provide the capability to test track more quickly and frequently, and minimize the risk of rail service failures.

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