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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2016-0115]

#### 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 28, 2016, CSX Transportation (CSX) 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 236. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2016-0115.

CSX seeks relief from the requirements of 49 CFR 236.566, *Locomotive of each train operating in train stop, train control or cab signal territory; equipped*. Specifically, CSX seeks relief for the following locations and operations:

1. Operations from Control Point (CP) 45 at Milepost (MP) OB44.5 on the Boston Subdivision, Albany Division, near Worcester, MA, to CP 92 at MP OB92.0 on the Berkshire Subdivision, Albany Division, near Springfield, MA, for the following operations with the condition that an absolute block be established in advance of each movement:

a. Engines used in switching and transfer service, with or without cars; work trains; wreck trains; ballast

cleaners to and from work; engines and rail diesel cars moving to and from shops. All movements must operate at restricted speed, not exceeding 15 mph.

2. Operations from CP 92 at MP OB92.0 on the Berkshire Subdivision, Albany Division, near Springfield, MA, to CP 187 at MP OB187.4 on the Berkshire Subdivision, Albany Division, near Albany, NY.:

a. Engines used in switching and transfer service, with or without cars; Work trains; Wreck trains; Ballast Cleaners to and from work; Engines and Rail Diesel Cars moving to and from shops. All movements must operate at Restricted Speed, not exceeding 15 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 January 30, 2017 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-2016-0116]

#### 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 November 28, 2016, CSX Transportation (CSX) 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 236. FRA assigned the petition docket number FRA-2016-0116.

CSX seeks relief from the requirements of 49 CFR 236.60, *Switch Shunting Circuit; Use Restricted*, which prohibits the use of a switch shunting circuit as the only method of protection for inside switches or fouling point derails located on non-signalized track leading to a signalized track where the FRA does not require any such installation of a circuit controller. CSX is requesting this relief system-wide.

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 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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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Development Community Financial Institutions Fund

#### Funding Opportunity

*Funding Opportunity Title:* Notice of Guarantee Availability (NOGA) inviting Qualified Issuer Applications and Guarantee Applications for the

Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Bond Guarantee Program.

*Announcement Type:* Announcement of opportunity to submit Qualified Issuer Applications and Guarantee Applications.

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number:* 21.011.

*Key Dates:* Qualified Issuer Applications and Guarantee Applications may be submitted to the CDFI Fund starting on the date of publication of this NOGA. In order to be considered for the issuance of a Guarantee in FY 2017, Qualified Issuer Applications must be submitted by March 3, 2017 and Guarantee Applications must be submitted by March 17, 2017. If applicable, CDFI Certification Applications must be received by the CDFI Fund by 5:00 p.m. ET, March 3, 2017. Under FY 2017 authority, which is contingent upon Congressional authorization, Bond Documents and Bond Loan documents must be executed, and Guarantees will be provided, in the order in which Guarantee Applications are approved or by such other criteria that the CDFI Fund may establish, in its sole discretion, and in any event by September 30, 2017.

*Executive Summary:* This NOGA is published in connection with the CDFI Bond Guarantee Program, administered by the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund), the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury). Through this NOGA, the CDFI Fund announces the availability of up to \$1 billion of Guarantee Authority in FY 2017, contingent upon Congressional authorization. This NOGA explains application submission and evaluation requirements and processes, and provides agency contacts and information on CDFI Bond Guarantee Program outreach. Parties interested in being approved for a Guarantee under the CDFI Bond Guarantee Program must submit Qualified Issuer Applications and Guarantee Applications for consideration in accordance with this NOGA. Capitalized terms used in this NOGA and not defined elsewhere are defined in the CDFI Bond Guarantee Program regulations (12 CFR 1808.102) and the CDFI Program regulations (12 CFR 1805.104).

#### I. Guarantee Opportunity Description

*A. Authority.* The CDFI Bond Guarantee Program was authorized by the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111-240; 12 U.S.C. 4713a) (the Act). Section 1134 of the Act amended the Riegle Community Development and

Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994 (12 U.S.C. 4701, *et seq.*) to provide authority to the Secretary of the Treasury (Secretary) to establish and administer the CDFI Bond Guarantee Program.

*B. Bond Issue size; Amount of Guarantee authority.* In FY 2017, the Secretary may guarantee Bond Issues having a minimum Guarantee of \$100 million each, up to an aggregate total of \$1 billion, contingent upon Congressional authorization.

*C. Program summary.* The purpose of the CDFI Bond Guarantee Program is to support CDFI lending by providing Guarantees for Bonds issued for Eligible Community or Economic Development Purposes, as authorized by section 1134 and 1703 of the Act. The Secretary, as the Guarantor of the Bonds, will provide a 100 percent Guarantee for the repayment of the Verifiable Losses of Principal, Interest, and Call Premium of Bonds issued by Qualified Issuers. Qualified Issuers, approved by the CDFI Fund, will issue Bonds that will be purchased by the Federal Financing Bank. The Qualified Issuer will use 100 percent of Bond Proceeds to provide Bond Loans to Eligible CDFIs, which will use Bond Loan proceeds for Eligible Community and Economic Development Purposes, including providing Secondary Loans to Secondary Borrowers.

*D. Review of Guarantee Applications, in general.*

1. Qualified Issuer Applications submitted with Guarantee Applications will have priority for review over Qualified Issuer Applications submitted without Guarantee Applications. With the exception of the aforementioned prioritized review, all Qualified Issuer Applications and Guarantee Applications will be reviewed by the CDFI Fund on an ongoing basis, in the order in which they are received, or by such other criteria that the CDFI Fund may establish in its sole discretion.

2. Guarantee Applications that are incomplete or require the CDFI Fund to request additional or clarifying information may delay the ability of the CDFI Fund to move the Guarantee Application to the next phase of review. Submitting an incomplete Guarantee Application earlier than other applicants does not ensure first approval.

3. Qualified Issuer Applications and Guarantee Applications that were received in FY 2016 and that were neither withdrawn nor declined in FY 2016 will be considered under FY 2017 authority.

4. Pursuant to the Regulations at 12 CFR 1808.504(c), the Guarantor may limit the number of Guarantees issued