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16. SWN Production Company, LLC, Pad ID: BIENKO, ABR–201203006.R1, New Milford and Jackson Townships, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.9990 mgd; Approval Date: January 11, 2017.

17. Range Resources—Appalachia, LLC, Pad ID: Hess Unit #1H, ABR–201112041.R1, Morris Township, Clearfield County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.0000 mgd; Approval Date: January 13, 2017.

18. SWN Production Company, LLC, Pad ID: MacGeorge Well Pad, ABR–201202011.R1, Silver Lake Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.0000 mgd; Approval Date: January 13, 2017.

19. SWN Production Company, LLC, Pad ID: Conaty Well Pad, ABR–201202026.R1, Silver Lake Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.0000 mgd; Approval Date: January 13, 2017.

20. Chief Oil & Gas, LLC, Pad ID: G & S Big Rigger Drilling Pad, ABR–201207022.R1, Cherry Township, Sullivan County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 2.0000 mgd; Approval Date: January 20, 2017.

21. Repsol Oil & Gas USA, LLC, Pad ID: Johnson (02 135) K, ABR–201701003, Hamilton Township, Tioga County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 6.0000 mgd; Approval Date: January 23, 2017.


23. Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC, Pad ID: CDJ, ABR–201207018.R1, Wilmot Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: January 23, 2017.

24. Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC, Pad ID: Cherrymills, ABR–201207019.R1, Cherry Township, Sullivan County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: January 23, 2017.

25. Seneca Resources Corporation, Pad ID: DCNR 100 Pad P, ABR–201205011.R1, Lewis Township, Lycoming County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.0000 mgd; Approval Date: January 27, 2017.

26. Seneca Resources Corporation, Pad ID: DCNR 100 Pad N, ABR–201207014.R1, Lewis Township, Lycoming County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.0000 mgd; Approval Date: January 27, 2017.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration


Award Management Requirements—Final Circular; Buy America Handbook—Conducting Pre-Award and Post Delivery Audits for Rolling Stock Procurements; Delay of Effective Dates for Guidance Documents

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice; delay of effective dates.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the White House memorandum issued on January 20, 2017 regarding a "Regulatory Freeze Pending Review," this notice delays the effective dates of the Award Management Requirements Circular and the Buy America Handbook until March 21, 2017.

DATES: The effective date of each guidance document is delayed, with a new effective date of March 21, 2017.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 20, 2017, the White House issued a memorandum regarding a “Regulatory Freeze Pending Review.” (https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/01/20/memorandum-heads-executive-departments-and-agencies). The memorandum directs the heads of Executive Departments and Agencies to postpone for 60 days from the date of the memorandum, the effective dates of all regulations that have been published in the Federal Register but have not yet taken effect.

In addition to regulations, the White House memorandum applies to any agency statement of general
applicability and future effect “that sets forth a policy on a statutory, regulatory, or technical issue or an interpretation of a statutory or regulatory issue.” Given that FTA circulars and other guidance documents generally set forth policy and provide guidance to grantees regarding how to comply with statutes and regulations, FTA has determined that the memorandum applies to FTA guidance documents published but not yet in effect as of January 20, 2017.

The delay of effective date(s) applies to the following guidance documents: Award Management Requirements—Final Circular (82 FR 4455, Jan. 13, 2017). The original effective date was February 13, 2017 and the new effective date is March 21, 2017; and Buy America Handbook—Conducting Pre-Award and Post-Delivery Audits of Rolling Stock Procurements (82 FR 4959, Jan. 17, 2017). The original effective date was February 16, 2017 and the new effective date is March 21, 2017. These guidance documents initially were published as proposed guidance and the public was provided notice and an opportunity to comment on the proposed documents. The final documents reflect consideration of comments received.

FTA’s implementation of the White House memorandum without opportunity for public comment is based in the good cause exceptions in 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3)(B) and 553(d)(3), in that seeking public comment is impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to public interest. Given the imminence of the effective date, seeking public comment on this temporary delay is impractical, as well as contrary to the public interest in the orderly promulgation and implementation of guidance documents. The imminence of the effective date also is good cause for making this action effective immediately upon publication. The temporary delay in effective dates until March 21, 2017, is necessary to give administration officials the opportunity for further review and consideration of these guidance documents.

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