

railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 222—Use of Locomotive Horns at Public Highway Rail Grade Crossings, 49 CFR 229.125—*Headlights and auxiliary lights*, and 49 CFR 234.105(c)(3)—*Activation failure*. RT is also requesting a change of the waiver's scope to include regulatory relief for new service on a 4-mile extension of its Blue Line which runs south to Cosumnes River College. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2006–24216.

RT seeks to modify and extend the terms and conditions of its shared use waivers for portions of its rail fixed guideway public transit Blue Line and Gold Line (also known as Folsom Line) that share corridors, including highway-rail grade crossings, with the Union Pacific Railroad (UP).

FRA most recently granted conditional relief to RT from the regulatory sections specified above in 2012. FRA notes that the relief from the requirements of 49 CFR part 222 is currently applicable only at the 17 shared highway-rail grade crossings on the Gold Line. On August 4, 2015, RT extended its Blue Line to Cosumnes River College Station, adding four station stops. RT would like to expand the scope of all relief granted to date to include this Blue Line extension to Cosumnes River College Station.

This Blue Line extension added one additional shared grade crossing at Meadowview Road. After crossing Meadowview Road, the light rail alignment immediately moves out of the shared right-of-way and into exclusive RT right-of-way. For the short distance that the Blue Line extension is in the shared corridor with UP, there is a 50-foot track separation between the two rail operations. Due to the distance separating the tracks in the shared corridor, RT does not require special procedures for operating past either stopped or moving UP trains.

RT states that the Meadowview crossing was redesigned to accommodate RT's light rail system, was placed into service with the approval of the California Public Utilities Commission, and was added to RT's Operations and Maintenance Agreement with UP covering joint operations in the shared corridor. There have been no significant incidents involving the Meadowview crossing since RT began its operations. RT notes that this crossing is also a part of the City of Sacramento's quiet zone for this corridor.

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 parties desire an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA–2017–0008]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on January 18, 2017, the Middletown & Hummelstown Railroad Company (MIDH) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations at 49 CFR part 230, Steam Locomotive Inspection and Maintenance Standards. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2017–0008.

Specifically, MIDH's letter requests relief from performing the 1,472 service day inspection (SDI) for No. 91, a 2–6–0 "Mogul" type steam locomotive built by the Canadian Locomotive Company in 1910 for the Canadian National Railway. MIDH's request pertains to the inspection of the boiler every 15 calendar years or 1,472 service days, as required by 49 CFR 230.17. MIDH is requesting an additional 19 calendar months before performing a 1,472 SDI. The previous SDI was completed on May 30, 2002, and expires on May 30, 2017. Granting relief will allow No. 91 an SDI period of 16 calendar years and 7 calendar months while not exceeding 1,472 service days. MIDH operated No. 91 from 2002 to 2009. It has been stored in serviceable condition, but has not operated since 2009 due to the lack of an experienced mechanical staff. MIDH's justification for requesting relief is that No. 91 has only operated for a total of 116 service days within the 15-calendar year period.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2009-0071]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on November 21, 2016, Ellis and Eastern Company (EE) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for an extension to its existing waiver of compliance in Docket Number FRA-2009-0071. The existing waiver provides EE relief from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 21103(a)(4), which, in part, requires a train employee to receive 48 hours off duty after initiating an on-duty period for 6 consecutive days. The waiver allows the 7 train employees of EE to receive 24 hours off duty after initiating an on-duty period for 6 consecutive days.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD 2017-0079]

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Request for Public Input

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration (MARAD) invites public comment on methods to improve the prevention of, and response to sexual harassment, sexual assault, or other inappropriate conduct, as well as methods to improve the shipboard climate during the United States Merchant Marine Academy Midshipman Sea Year experience. The purpose of this public notice is to gather comments to assist in the development of a statutorily mandated report to Congress with actionable recommendations.

DATES: The deadline to submit comments is June 30, 2017. See *Submitting Your Comments and Opinions* below for specific directions.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to the docket number above and submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov/>. Follow the online instruction for submitted comments.