

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Railroad Administration****[Docket Number FRA–2018–0063]****Petition for Waiver of Compliance**

Under part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this provides the public notice that by letter dated July 11, 2018, Naugatuck Railroad Company (NAUG), the operator of trackage owned by the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CDOT) between Waterbury, CT, and Torrington, CT, known as the “Torrington Secondary,” 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 234. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2018–0063.

NAUG seeks a waiver of compliance from the requirements of 49 CFR 234.247, *Purpose of inspections and tests; removal from service of relay or device failing to meet test requirements*. Specifically, NAUG seeks relief to operate over two non-functioning highway-rail grade crossings without making inspections and tests required in §§ 234.249 through 234.271.

Previous owners and operators of this track allowed signals in Torrington, CT, to fall into disrepair at Albert Street, DOT #503956B, and Litchfield Street, DOT #503957B, both two-way, single traffic lane streets. One crossing has equipment over 60 years old, and the second, more complex crossing signal system, has equipment that is over 30 years old. As part of Petitioner's commitment to provide rail services to those that require them, the need to access areas of the railroad previously deemed out of service became necessary. In partnership with CDOT, through the CT Rail Freight Improvement Program, this track was rehabilitated to FRA Class 1 standards, but no grade crossing funding was available for these crossings. Petitioner requests relief to provide service to its customers and generate the revenue needed to continue to rehabilitate this segment of track.

In lieu of performing all required tests (and repairs identified by the required tests), Petitioner requests to continue limited operations over the two affected grade crossings by:

- Contacting local authorities to advise that a crossing may need to be occupied by a train.
- Stationing an employee at each crossing to provide warning to approaching highway traffic and communicate with motorists as needed,

as provided in Northeast Operating Rules Advisory Committee “stop and protect” rules.

All other grade crossings in Torrington are “stop and protect” crossings on two-way, single traffic lane streets, with no automatic highway warning protective devices.

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 Department of Transportation's Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Ave. 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:

- *Website:* <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 15, 2018 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

Anyone can 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, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL–

14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at www.dot.gov/privacy. See also <http://www.regulations.gov/#!privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of www.regulations.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC.

Robert C. Lauby,

Associate Administrator for Safety, Chief Safety Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration****[Docket No. PHMSA–2018–0050]****Pipeline Safety: Gas and Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Risk Models**

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA); DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: PHMSA published a notice in the **Federal Register** to seek public comments on a report developed to support improvements in gas and hazardous liquid pipeline risk models titled “Pipeline Risk Modeling—Overview of Methods and Tools for Improved Implementation” (Pipeline Risk Modeling Report). PHMSA has received a request to extend the comment period to allow stakeholders more time to evaluate the notice. PHMSA has concurred with this request and has extended the comment period for an additional 30 days.

DATES: The closing date for filing comments on the notice published August 16, 2018, (83 FR 40843) is extended from September 17, 2018, to October 17, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Comments should reference Docket No. PHMSA–2018–0050 and may be submitted in the following ways:

E-Gov Website: <http://www.regulations.gov>. This site allows the public to enter comments on any **Federal Register** notice issued by any agency.

Fax: 1–202–493–2251.

Mail: Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

Hand Delivery: Room W12–140 on the ground level of DOT, West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: Identify the docket number, PHMSA–2018–0050, at the beginning of your comments. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. You should know that anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.).

Docket: For access to the docket or to read background documents or comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or to Room W12–140 on the ground level of DOT, West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you wish to receive confirmation of receipt of your written comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped postcard with the following statement: “Comments on PHMSA–2018–0050.” The Docket Clerk will date stamp the postcard prior to returning it to you via the U.S. mail. Please note that due to delays in the delivery of U.S. mail to Federal offices in Washington, DC, we recommend that persons consider an alternative method (internet, fax, or professional delivery service) of submitting comments to the docket and ensuring their timely receipt at DOT.

Note: Privacy Act Statement: DOT may solicit comments from the public regarding certain general notices. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL–14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at www.dot.gov/privacy.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information contact Mr. Steve Nanney, Project Manager, PHMSA, by telephone at 713–272–2855, or by email at Steve.Nanney@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 16, 2018, (83 FR 40843) PHMSA published a notice to seek public comments on a report developed to support improvements in gas and hazardous liquid pipeline risk models. Based on the results of pipeline inspections and failure investigation findings, both PHMSA and the National Transportation Safety Board have identified general weaknesses in the risk models often used by pipeline operators in performing risk assessments for their integrity management programs. The

Pipeline Risk Modeling Report considers the major types of pipeline risk models, and the effectiveness of each type in supporting risk assessments, as applied to pipeline operator decisions.

In an August 15, 2018, letter to PHMSA, the American Gas Association, the American Petroleum Institute, the American Public Gas Association, the Association of Oil Pipe Lines, and the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America requested a 30-day extension of the comment deadline to allow them and other interested stakeholders plan their review of the notice.

PHMSA has concurred with the Associations’ request and has extended the comment period as shown in the **DATES** section of this notice. This extension will provide sufficient additional time for commenters to submit their comments.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 24, 2018, under authority delegated in 49 CFR 1.97.

Linda Daugherty,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Field Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Determinations Regarding Certain Nonbank Financial Companies

AGENCY: Departmental Offices, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The public is invited to submit comments on the collection(s) listed below.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before October 29, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the burden estimate, or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to Treasury PRA Clearance Officer, 1750 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 8142, Washington, DC 20220, or email at PRA@treasury.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the submissions may be

obtained from Randall Fasnacht by emailing Randall.Fasnacht@treasury.gov, calling (202) 622–2763, or viewing the entire information collection request at www.reginfo.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Determinations Regarding Certain Nonbank Financial Companies.

OMB Control Number: 1505–0244.

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Section 113 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the “DFA”) (Pub. L. 111–203) provides the Financial Stability Oversight Council (the “Council”) the authority to require that a nonbank financial company be supervised by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and be subject to prudential standards in accordance with Title I of the DFA if the Council determines that material financial distress at the firm, or the nature, scope, size, scale, concentration, interconnectedness, or mix of the activities of the firm, could pose a threat to the financial stability of the United States. The information collected in § 1310.20 from state regulatory agencies will be used generally by FSOC to carry out its duties under Title I of the Dodd-Frank Act. The collections of information in §§ 1310.21 and 1310.22 provide an opportunity to request a hearing or submit written materials to the Council concerning whether, in the company’s view, material financial distress at the company, or the nature, scope, size, scale, concentration, interconnectedness, or mix of the activities of the company, could pose a threat to the financial stability of the United States.

Form: None.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Hours per Response: 20.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,000.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the