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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2018-0075]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this provides the public notice that on September 26, 2018, CSX Transportation (CSX) 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 232, *Brake System Safety Standards for Freight and Other Non-Passenger Trains and Equipment; End of Train Devices*. Specifically, CSX requests relief for certain trains from the requirements of § 232.205, *Class I brake test-initial*

terminal inspection, and § 232.207, *Class IA brake tests—1,000-mile inspection*. FRA assigned the request docket number FRA-2018-0075.

CSX requests an extension of the mileage limits for certain trains listed in Attachment A of its petition from 1,000 miles, as specified in §§ 232.205 and 232.207, to (up to) 1,052 miles. CSX also requests that qualified persons (instead of qualified mechanical inspectors) be allowed to inspect these trains, and that these trains be allowed to make multiple pick-ups and set-outs. CSX states that allowing the identified trains to travel up to an additional 52 miles before completing the Class 1A brake test will not compromise the safety of CSX operations, does not increase the risk of an accident or incident, nor jeopardize employees or the general public.

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 party desires 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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Petition for Special Approval of Alternate Standard

Under part 238 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this provides the public notice that by a letter dated November 2, 2018, the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a Special Approval of an alternate standard for 49 CFR 238.311(a), *Single car test*, as prescribed in 49 CFR 238.21(b), *Special approval procedure*. FRA assigned the request docket number FRA-2018-0097.

APTA requests consideration for Special Approval of the submitted alternate standard identified as APTA PR-M-S-005-98, Rev. 4, "Code of Tests for Passenger Car Equipment Using Single Car Testing," as the latest update to APTA Standard SS-M-005-98, "Code of Tests for Passenger Car Equipment Using Single Car Testing Device," as specified in 49 CFR 238.311. APTA states the new revision updates procedures to assure uniform full-service reductions, the order of tests has been rearranged to facilitate the testing process, and provisions for testing electronic air brakes have been added. A summary of the changes made to the previous revisions can be found on page 26 of the proposed alternate standard,