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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Training and Qualification Requirements for Check Airmen and Flight Instructors

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for [a new or to renew an] information collection. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on September 19, 2018. The information collected is used to allow some experienced pilots who would otherwise qualify as flight instructors or check airmen, but who are not medically eligible to hold the requisite medical certificate, to perform flight instructor or check airmen functions.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by January 3, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the attention of the Desk Officer, Department of Transportation/FAA, and sent via electronic mail to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov, or faxed to (202) 395–6974, or mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to

enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Hall at (940) 594–5913, or by email at: Barbara.L.Hall@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 2120–0600.

Title: Training and Qualification Requirements for Check Airmen and Flight Instructors.

Form Numbers: There are no forms associated with this collection of information.

Type of Review: Renewal of an information collection.

Background: The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on September 19, 2018 (83 FR 47398). Under the authority of Title 49 CFR, Section 44701, Title 14 CFR prescribes the terms, conditions, and limitations as are necessary to ensure safety in air transportation. Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) parts 121.411(d), 121.412(d), 135.337(d), and 135.338(d) require the collection of this data. This collection is necessary to insure that instructors and check airmen have completed necessary training and checking required to perform instructor and check airmen functions.

Respondents: There are approximately 3,100 check airmen and flight instructors.

Frequency: Information is collected on occasion.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 15 seconds.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 12.5 hours.

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Barbara Hall,

FAA Information Collection Clearance Officer, IT Enterprises Business Services Division, ASP-110.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA–2012–0091]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice

that by a letter dated November 20, 2018, CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSX) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to include CSX in 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*. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2012–0091.

Specifically, CSX seeks relief with respect to the application of 49 CFR 232.205(c)(1)—*Class I brake test-initial terminal inspection* and § 232.207(b)(1)—*Class IA brake tests-1,000-mile inspection* for trains operating in distributive power mode. CSX requests to extend the maximum allowable brake pipe air flow from the present regulatory limit of 60 cubic feet per minute (CFM) to 90 CFM for distributed power-equipped trains under specified operating conditions.

On March 26, 2013, FRA granted a pilot test waiver to the BNSF Railway Company for these same provisions. Canadian National Railway and Canadian Pacific Railway were added as parties to the test waiver on November 21, 2014, and Union Pacific Railroad was added on March 4, 2015. On May 3, 2017, FRA granted a change in status from a test waiver to a waiver of compliance. CSX is petitioning FRA to make CSX a party to the same waiver. If granted, CSX states it would agree to comply with the same conditions as set forth in FRA's May 3, 2017 letter.

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.

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 January 3, 2019 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.). Under 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 <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See also <https://www.regulations.gov/privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of www.regulations.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC.

Robert C. Lauby,

Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety, Chief Safety Officer.

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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.

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Associate Administrator for Safety Chief Safety Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2018-0097]

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,