

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Railroad Administration****[Docket Number FRA–2019–0018]****Petition for Special Approval of Alternative Compliance**

Under part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this provides the public notice that by letter dated February 14, 2019, the Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation (PATH) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for special approval of alternative compliance pursuant to 49 CFR 236.586 relating to the inspection and maintenance of locomotives. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2019–0018.

Specifically, PATH seeks approval to continue compliance with § 236.588, *Periodic test*, at the regularly scheduled 92-day intervals, while not adding terms cited in § 236.586(a), *Daily or after trip test*. PATH requests this relief to operate its fleet of PA–5 cars that are equipped with “Communication Based Train Control technology that employs built-in test equipment that complies with and exceeds the inspections and tests cited in § 236.586.”

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 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, 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 April 26, 2019 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

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Robert C. Lauby,

Associate Administrator for Safety, Chief Safety Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Railroad Administration****[Docket Number FRA–2019–0017]****Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System**

Under part 235 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated December 5, 2018, the Indiana Railroad Company (INDR) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval to discontinue or modify a signal system. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2019–0017.

Applicant: The Indiana Railroad Company, Mr. Peter Ray, Vice President, Engineering, 1500 South Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46225.

INDR requests approval to remove the railroad-at-grade crossing diamond, with CSX Transportation (CSX), at Spring Hill milepost (MP) 182.69, Terre Haute, IN, on the INRD Chicago

Subdivision and the CSX CE&D Subdivision at MP 182.00. INDR will also reconfigure the track layout.

INDR states the reason for the proposed change is diamond elimination and operational changes.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2019-0022]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on February 25, 2019, the North Shore Railroad Company (NSHR) and its affiliates: Juniata Valley Railroad (JVRR), Lycoming Valley Railroad (LVRR), Nittany & Bald Eagle Railroad (UCIR), Shamokin Valley Railroad (SVRR), and Union County Industrial Railroad (UCIR), 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 240, *Qualification and Certification of Locomotive Engineers*, and part 242, *Qualification and Certification of Conductors*. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2019-0022.

The relief is requested as part of NSHR's proposed implementation of and participation in FRA's Confidential Close Call Reporting System (C³RS) Program. NSHR seeks to shield reporting employees and the railroad from mandatory punitive sanctions that would otherwise arise as provided in 49 CFR 240.117(e)(1)-(4); 240.305(a)(1)-(4) and (a)(6); 240.307; 242.403(b), (c), (e)(1)-(4), (e)(6)-(11), and (f)(1)-(2). The C³RS Program encourages certified operating crew members to report close calls and protect the employees and the railroad from discipline or sanctions arising from the incidents reported per the C³RS Implementing Memorandum of Understanding.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Hazardous Materials: Notice of Applications for Special Permits

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

ACTION: Notice of actions on special permit applications.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, special permits from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Material Regulations, notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the application described herein.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 11, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Record Center, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590.

Comments should refer to the application number and be submitted in triplicate. If confirmation of receipt of comments is desired, include a self-addressed stamped postcard showing the special permit number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ryan Paquet, Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Approvals and Permits Division, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, East Building, PHH-30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast, Washington, DC 20590-0001, (202) 366-4535.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the Records Center, East Building, PHH-30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast, Washington, DC or at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

This notice of receipt of applications for special permit is published in accordance with part 107 of the Federal hazardous materials transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5117(b); 49 CFR 1.53(b)).

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 05, 2019.

Donald P. Burger,
Chief, General Approvals and Permits Branch.