DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA–2019–0032]

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 April 2, 2019, Spark Training Solutions (XSPK), 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 243, Training, Qualification, and Oversight for Safety-Related Railroad Employees. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2019–0032.

XSPK is a Training Solutions Organization and is a small business which uses a third-party vendor to provide Learning Management System service for itself and its clients. XSPK states it has not been able to find any affordable software or vendor with the ability to provide on-demand reporting of changes to training records as required by §243.203(e)(3). XSPK proposes an alternate solution that it contends effectively provides an equivalent level of security of amended training records required by the regulation.

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.
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Communications received by May 28, 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 regulations.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC.

John Karl Alexy,
Deputy Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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[Docket Number FRA–2019–0027]

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 March 21, 2019, Appalachian and Ohio Railroad, Inc. (A&O) and CSX Transportation (CSXT) jointly petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval to discontinue or modify a signal system. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2019–0027.

Applicants:

Appalachian and Ohio Railroad, Inc., Mr. J. Thomas Garrett, President, 200 Clark Street, Paducah, KY 42003

CSX Transportation, Mr. Carl A. Walker, Chief Engineer, Communications and Signals, 500 Water Street, Speed Code J–359, Jacksonville, FL 32202

A&O and CSXT request approval to discontinue the traffic control system (TCS) on trackage leased from owner CSXT, on the A&O Cowen District Main Line from control point (CP) Berkeley Run Junction Milepost (MP) BUC 0.0, Grafton WV, to CP Hampton Junction MP BUC 42.1, Buckhannon, WV. CSXT currently dispatches and provides maintenance of the TCS.

A&O requests approval to discontinue the current signal system (CSS) on the A&O Cowen District Main Line from control point (CP) Berkeley Run Junction Milepost (MP) BUC 0.0, Grafton WV, to CP Hampton Junction MP BUC 42.1, Buckhannon, WV. CSXT currently dispatches and provides maintenance of the TCS.

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Kristi A. Warden,
Acting Director, Airports Division, AAL–600.

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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 received March 27, 2019, Lake Superior and Ishpeming Railroad (LSIR) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval to discontinue or modify a signal system. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2019–0029.

Applicant: Lake Superior and Ishpeming Railroad, Mr. Jesse Zimmerman, Supervisor Track, Structures, Signals, 311 M–35, Negaunee, MI 49866.

The LSIR requests approval to replace power-operated switches at control point (CP) Empire Mine, Milepost (MP) Q70.78, and CP Tilden Junction, MP Q71.23 on the Ore Subdivision, with hand-operated switches lined and locked for Main Line movements. Two switch point indicators will also be removed.

LSIR states the reason for the proposed change is the idling of the Empire Mine property that these switches serve. The Canadian National (CN) was using these switches as they had been the main carrier shipping out of the Empire Mine. Now that the Empire Mine is idled, CN no longer enters the property through these switches.

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