Petition for Exemption


**Petitioner:** Textron Aviation Inc.

**Section(s) of 14 CFR Affected:** § 25.813(e).

**Description of Relief Sought:** Textron Aviation Inc., is seeking an amendment to Exemption No. 17119. That exemption provides relief from 14 CFR 25.813(e) by allowing the installation of interior mid-cabin doors on Model 700 airplanes. Exemption No. 17119 is applicable to private-use (not for hire, not for common carriage) operations only. If amended, Exemption No. 17119 would remove the private-use only restriction and allow the airplane, with interior mid-cabin doors, to be used in for-hire and common-carrige operations.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Railroad Administration**

**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 May 23, 2019, Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval to discontinue or modify a signal system. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2019–0043.

**Applicant:** Union Pacific Railroad Company, Mr. Neal E. Hathaway, AVP Engineering—Signal & Telecom, 1400 Douglas Street, MS 0910, Omaha, NE 68179.

Specifically, UP requests approval to discontinue cab signals between control point (CP) S001 at milepost (MP) 0.60 and CP S082 at MP 81.60 on the Portland subdivision in the state of Oregon.

UP states the reason for the proposed discontinuance is a positive train control (PTC) system, compliant with 49 CFR part 236, subpart I, and certified accordingly, was placed in service on the entire Portland subdivision, including the limits described above, in March 2017. Since that time, over 2.5 million train-miles of PTC operations have been accumulated on the Portland subdivision without a critical anomaly. Additionally, PTC operations have been conducted under the provisions of a waiver, Docket Number FRA–2016–0108, which allows for the use of PTC in lieu of cab signals on the Portland subdivision and elsewhere on UP where automatic cab signal (ACS), automatic train control, and automatic train stop systems are present.

To ensure that an equivalent or greater level of safety is maintained upon discontinuance of the ACS and to meet the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 20157(j)(1), UP asserts it will promulgate operating rules requiring that any train on which PTC fails to initialize, cuts out, or malfunctions comply with operating restrictions in accordance with 49 CFR 236.1029, while operating within former ACS limits of the Portland subdivision. UP explains it believes that the combination of the current levels of PTC reliability and, utilization, combined with the application of operating restrictions under failure conditions result in a level of safe operation which justifies discontinuance of the ACS system on the Portland subdivision.

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.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Railroad Administration**

**Petition for Waiver of Compliance**

Under part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on April 15, 2019, the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRA) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for an amended waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal hours of service laws contained at 49 U.S.C. 21103(a)(4), which, in part, require a train employee to receive 48 hours off duty after initiating an on-duty period for 6 consecutive days. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2009–0078.

Specifically, ASLRRA seeks to amend its existing waiver to add three member railroads that did not participate in the original waiver, but in the first quarter of 2019 determined that they now wish to participate. ASLRRA states the following railroads expressed a desire to participate in the waiver, and maintain...
at their headquarters supporting documentation of employee support as required:

- Sequatchie Valley Switching Company
- SMS Rail Lines of New York, LLC
- Walking Horse Railroad

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- Website: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- 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 July 26, 2019 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. FRA reserves the right to grant relief in this docket prior to the expiration of the comment period. FRA will condition any such grant of relief on subsequent consideration of relevant comments submitted to the docket within the comment period.

Comments received after the comment period ends 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, Office of Railroad Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2019–0089]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel TRANQUILO (Motor Vessel); Invitation for Public Comments

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirements of the coastwise trade laws to allow the carriage of no more than twelve passengers for hire on vessels, which are three years old or more. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before July 11, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD–2019–0089 by any one of the following methods:

- Mail or Hand Delivery: Docket Management Facility is in the West Building, Ground Floor of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Docket Management Facility location address is: U.S. Department of Transportation, MARAD–2019–0089, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

How do I submit comments?

Please submit your comments, including the attachments, following the instructions provided under the above heading entitled ADDRESSES. Be advised that it may take a few hours or even