

be filed no later than August 8, 2019 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36318, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board either via e-filing or in writing addressed to 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Holdings' representative, John D. Heffner, Clark Hill, PLC, 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 1300 South, Washington, DC 20004.

According to Holdings, this action is excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and from historic preservation reporting requirements under 49 CFR 1105.8(b)(1).

Board decisions and notices are available at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov).

Decided: July 29, 2019.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Raina Contee,**  
Clearance Clerk.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Numbers FRA-2009-0096 and FRA-2012-0056]

#### Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on July 12, 2019, New Jersey Transit Rail Operations (NJTR), petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for an extension of its waivers 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 Numbers FRA-2009-0096 and FRA-2012-0056.

The relief is requested as part of NJTR's continued participation in FRA's Confidential Close Call Reporting System (C<sup>3</sup>RS) Program. NJTR implemented C<sup>3</sup>RS in June 2009 and is a founding member railroad choosing to participate in the Program. NJTR, with the support of its labor union partners, have implemented many corrective actions to improve railroad safety as a result of C<sup>3</sup>RS. NJTR 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), (f)(1)-(2), and 242.407. The C<sup>3</sup>RS 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 C<sup>3</sup>RS Implementing Memorandum of Understanding.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://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 September 16, 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](http://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](http://www.regulations.gov).

Issued in Washington, DC.

**John Karl Alexy,**  
Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety  
Chief Safety Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2002-11896]

#### 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 June 5, 2019, Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NS) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to modify an existing waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 231, *Railroad Safety Appliance Standards*. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2002-11896.

Specifically, NS requested that FRA modify the current waiver allowing its Triple Crown Service to operate RoadRailer® trains to increase the permitted train length from 150 units to 165 units per train. The petition contends that the tonnage limitations (5,200 tons maximum, and the further limitation behind lightly loaded RoadRailer® units on various grades) assure draft and buff forces do not exceed 250 kips, regardless of the number of units in the consist. Additionally, NS states the coupling pin and the rest of the unit have a 250-kip design criteria, which makes 165-unit trains safe for current and potential operation.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and in person at the Department of Transportation's Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Ave. 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