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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Safety Oversight and Certification Advisory Committee; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Safety Oversight and Certification Advisory Committee (SOCAC) meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the SOCAC.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on December 1, 2020, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Requests to attend the meeting must be received by November 18, 2020.

Requests for accommodations to a disability must be received by November 21, 2020.

Requests to submit written materials to be reviewed during the meeting must be received no later than November 18, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held virtually. Members of the public who wish to observe the meeting must RSVP by emailing [9-awa-arm-socac@faa.gov](mailto:9-awa-arm-socac@faa.gov). Information on the committee and copies of the meeting minutes will be available on the FAA Committee website at [https://www.faa.gov/regulations\\_policies/rulemaking/committees/documents/](https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/rulemaking/committees/documents/).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thuy H. Cooper, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-4715; email [9-awa-arm-socac@faa.gov](mailto:9-awa-arm-socac@faa.gov). Any committee-related request should be sent to the person listed in this section.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The SOCAC was created under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), in accordance with the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-254) to provide advice to the Secretary on policy-level issues facing the aviation community that are related to FAA safety oversight and certification programs and activities.

##### II. Agenda

At the meeting, the agenda will cover the following topics:

- Review and Acceptance of September 2020 Minutes
- Update on Tasking
- FAA Updates

Detailed agenda information will be posted on the committee's website listed in the **ADDRESSES** section at least one week in advance of the meeting.

### III. Public Participation

The meeting will be open to the public on a first-come, first served basis. Please confirm your attendance with the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Please provide the following information: full legal name, country of citizenship, and name of your industry association or applicable affiliation. The FAA will email registrants the meeting access information at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

The U.S. Department of Transportation is committed to providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, such as sign language, interpretation, or other ancillary aids, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

The FAA is not accepting oral presentations at this meeting due to time constraints. Any member of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time by providing a copy to the Designated Federal Officer via the email listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 30, 2020.

**Brandon Roberts,**

*Executive Director, Office of Rulemaking.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2020-0084]

#### 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 September 11, 2020, CSX Transportation (CSXT) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval to discontinue or modify a signal system. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2020-0084.

*Applicant:* CSX Transportation, Mr. Carl A. Walker, Chief Engineer Communications & Signals, 500 Water Street, Speed Code J-350, Jacksonville, Florida 32202.

Specifically, CSXT requests permission to discontinue the use of the automatic train control (ATC) segment of the cab signal systems (CSS) onboard equipped CSXT locomotives that operate on the RF&P subdivision, located between Richmond, Virginia, and Washington, DC.

CSXT states that discontinuing the use of ATC when operating on the RF&P will provide a standardized operation across all CSS-equipped CSXT locomotives, enhancing reliability and safety. This standardization will enhance safety by reducing maintenance due to failures, train crew cutouts, and line of road equipment failure.

CSS with the ATC segment removed will still stop the train if the locomotive operator does not acknowledge any signal downgrade, even if the positive train control (PTC) system is cutout. CSXT implemented the I-ETMS PTC system on the RF&P in October 2018. Wayside signal cab generators, locomotive cab signal equipment, and automatic train stop will remain.

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).

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 (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received by December 21, 2020 will be considered