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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA–2021–0021]

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In its petition dated December 21, 2020, SDTI seeks a five-year extension of its existing waiver with certain modifications. The existing waiver covers several sections of the Federal railroad safety regulations and applies to certain portions of SDTI’s rail fixed guideway urban transit operations that employ temporal separation to safely share track with the general railroad system’s San Diego & Imperial Valley Railroad. Contiguous to the shared trackage are portions with limited connections to the general railroad system, which include a small shared corridor with BNSF Railway and Coaster commuter train service. Coaster also shares a storage yard with SDTI.

In SDTI’s supplemental request, dated February 10, 2021, SDTI seeks additional relief from 49 CFR part 270, System Safety Program, and 49 CFR part 243, Training, Qualification, and Oversight for Safety-Related Railroad Employees. SDTI states that the foundation of SDTI’s safety program is based on alternative regulations under 49 CFR parts 673 and 674, which are equivalent to FRA’s requirements. SDTI explains it requests a waiver to prevent duplicative and redundant requirements.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at 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.

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- Website: http://www.regulations.gov.
- 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 April 8, 2021 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

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Specifically, NS requests relief from 49 CFR 236.566, Locomotive of each train operating in train stop, train control or cab signal territory; equipped. The relief is requested for the Royalton...
Branch in the Keystone Division, from milepost (MP) RY 0.0 to MP RY 21.9. NS seeks to operate positive train control (PTC) equipped locomotives, that are not equipped with cab signal system equipment, in cab signal system territory.

PTC-equipped locomotives are to be used in switching, transfer service, with or without cars, manifest trains, work trains, wreck trains, ballast cleaners to and from work, and engines and rail diesel cars moving to and from shops, with all movements made at timetable speed. NS states that if a PTC-equipped locomotive experiences an en route failure, then 49 CFR 236.1029, PTC system use and failures, would apply.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Improving Customer Experience (OMB Circular A–11, Section 280 Implementation)

AGENCY: Departmental Offices, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other federal agencies to comment on the proposed information collection listed below, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before April 23, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the burden estimate, or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to Treasury PRA Clearance Officer, 1750 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 8142, Washington, DC 20220, or email at PRA@treasury.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the submissions may be obtained from Molly Stasko by emailing PRA@treasury.gov, calling (202) 622–8922, or viewing the entire information collection request at www.reginfo.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Improving Customer Experience (OMB Circular A–11, Section 280 Implementation).

OMB Control Number: 1505–NEW.

Type of Review: New collection.

Description: A modern, streamlined and responsive customer experience means: Raising government-wide customer experience to the average of the private sector service industry; developing indicators for high-impact Federal programs to monitor progress towards excellent customer experience and mature digital services; and providing the structure (including increasing transparency) and resources to ensure customer experience is a focal point for Department leadership. To support this, OMB Circular A–11 Section 280 established government-wide standards for mature customer experience organizations in government and measurement. To enable Federal programs to deliver the experience taxpayers deserve, they must undertake three general categories of activities: Conduct ongoing customer research, gather and share customer feedback, and test services and digital products.

These data collection efforts may be either qualitative or quantitative in nature or may consist of mixed methods. Additionally, data may be collected via a variety of means, including but not limited to electronic or social media, direct or indirect observation (i.e., in person, video and audio collections), interviews, questionnaires, surveys, and focus groups. The Department will limit its inquiries to data collections that solicit strictly voluntary opinions or responses. Steps will be taken to ensure anonymity of respondents in each activity covered by this request.

The results of the data collected will be used to improve the delivery of Federal services and programs. It will include the creation of personas, customer journey maps, and reports and summaries of customer feedback data and user insights. It will also provide government-wide data on customer experience that can be displayed on performance.gov to help build transparency and accountability of Federal programs to the customers they serve.

As a general matter, these information collections will not result in any new system of records containing privacy information and will not ask questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.

The Department will collect this information by electronic means when possible, as well as by mail, fax, telephone, technical discussions, and in-person interviews. The Department may also utilize observational techniques to collect this information.

Affected Public: Collections will be targeted to the solicitation of opinions from respondents who have experience with the program or may have experience with the program in the near future. For the purposes of this request, “customers” are individuals, businesses, or organizations that interact with a Federal Government agency or program, either directly or via