and 242.117, but it currently has only one clinic available. Terminal Railroad states that the increase in coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID–19) cases and the possibility of increased state restrictions may limit clinic use further.

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 party desires 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 at http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Communications received by September 9, 2021 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), the U.S. Department of Transportation (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/privacy-notice for the privacy notice of regulations.gov.

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In support of its petition, AAR notes that the FRA Administrator’s March 13, 2020, Declaration of Emergency Situation related to COVID–19 remains in effect. AAR also references statements from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) related to the B.1.617.2 (“Delta”) variant of COVID–19. Specifically, AAR notes that the CDC has reported data showing increased COVID–19 positive tests and hospitalizations and further notes that some railroads have recently begun reporting an increase in the number of positive COVID–19 employee tests and asserts that “the continuation of certain waivers is essential to the Railroads’ ability to continue to protect their workforce and their critical mission.”

AAR requests that FRA extend the existing relief previously granted in FRA’s September 18, 2020, letter, with the exception of the relief related to the operational testing requirements of 49 CFR 217.9 and related sections.

AAR requests that FRA extend the existing relief for another 12 months, or three months after the FRA Administrator’s rescission of the existing COVID–19 Emergency Declaration, whichever is sooner.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at https://www.regulations.gov (Docket Number FRA–2020–0059).

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APTA, on behalf of its member railroads, requests to extend certain temporary, conditional relief FRA


In support of its petition, APTA notes that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance on social distancing, as well as avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces are expected to remain in place for the foreseeable future and that commuter railroads are still operating with much-reduced workforces as a result of COVID–19 (over 12,000 commuter rail employees have tested positive and/or self-quarantined over the last 17 months).

APTA requests that FRA extend the existing relief previously granted in FRA’s September 18, 2020, letter for one year.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov (Docket Number FRA–2020–0060).

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