

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Railroad Administration****[Docket Number FRA–2003–15196]****Petition for Extension of Waiver of Compliance**

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on June 13, 2022, NJ Transit (NJT) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for an extension of a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR 213.233, *Track inspections*. The relevant FRA Docket Number is FRA–2003–15196.

Specifically, NJT requests an extension of its existing waiver for a reduced frequency of the required visual track inspections for FRA Class 3 and 4 track carrying passenger traffic and constructed with continuous welded rail. NJT proposes to continue conducting one visual track inspection per week, instead of the two inspections per week that are required in 49 CFR part 213, and to continue supplementing its visual inspections with Track Geometry Measurement System (TGMS) inspections over the affected main tracks and sidings four times per year. In support of its petition, NJT states that the TGMS inspections are conducted to the standards for the next higher class of track, allowing NJT to promptly detect and repair those conditions prior to the conditions becoming defects. Additionally, NJT explains that the use of TGMS has had a positive effect on the quality and safety of NJT's track structure.

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.

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Communications received by September 8, 2022 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 www.regulations.gov.

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BILLING CODE 4910–06–P**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Railroad Administration****[Docket Number FRA–2022–0066]****Petition for Waiver of Compliance**

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by letter dated June 21, 2022, Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad (OCSR) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR 230.17, *One thousand four hundred seventy-two (1472) service day inspection*. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2022–0066.

Specifically, OCSR requests relief for steam locomotive MCRR #25, which is used in public tourist excursions. OCSR seeks to extend the period in which the locomotive's 1472 service day inspection is due from August 25, 2022, to December 20, 2022 (the end of the 2022 running season). OCSR states that MCRR #25 is OCSR's primary locomotive for passenger excursions, which typically sees 80–100 service days, but the COVID–19 pandemic in 2020 limited the service days to 30. In support of its request, OCSR states that

the locomotive would run no more than 50 service days during the additional months of relief.

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BILLING CODE 4910–06–P**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Railroad Administration****[Docket Number FRA–2020–0087]****Petition for Waiver of Compliance**

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this provides

the public notice that on June 28, 2022, Illinois Central Railroad Company, for itself and on behalf of the U.S. railroad subsidiaries operating under the Canadian National Railway Company (CN), resubmitted a petition to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 232, *Brake System Safety Standards for Freight and Other Non-Passenger Trains and Equipment; End-of-Train Devices*. The relevant FRA Docket Number is FRA–2020–0087.

Specifically, CN resubmits a request to use software technology to implement a virtual three-dimensional simulation as an alternative to satisfy the “hands-on” portion of periodic refresher training required by 49 CFR 232.203(b)(8). Refresher training is required at intervals not to exceed 3 years, and must consist of classroom and hands-on training, as well as testing. CN cites FRA’s January 10, 2022, denial¹ of its previous petition and states that its June 28, 2022, resubmission addresses the concerns raised in FRA’s decision letter. In support of its petition, CN explains that the proposed “systematic, blended training curriculum” “exceeds the training objectives” required by the regulation “and is designed to increase user proficiency” and “reduc[e] air brake defects across the CN network.” CN notes that it “only plans to use this requested waiver for refresher training of employees in train and engine service,” and not for any other craft.

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

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FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA–2007–28700]

Petition for Extension of Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on June 10, 2022, Kansas City Southern Railway Company (KCSR), jointly with its affiliate Kansas City Southern de Mexico (KCSM), petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for an extension of a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR parts 215 (Railroad Freight Car Safety Standards), and 232 (Brake System Safety Standards for Freight and Other Non-Passenger Trains and Equipment; End-of-Train Devices (EOTDs)). The relevant FRA Docket Number is FRA–2007–28700.

Specifically, KCSR requested an extension of its relief from 49 CFR 232.205, *Class I brake test-initial terminal inspection*, and certain provisions of 49 CFR part 215, for freight cars received in interchange from KCSM at the U.S./Mexico border crossing and international bridge in Laredo, Texas, to permit required inspections to be conducted in KCSR’s

Laredo Yard, approximately 9 miles north of the bridge.

The petition notes that KCSM operates some trains over KCSR’s line from the international rail bridge crossing to KCSR’s Laredo Yard for purposes of interchange. KCSR asks that this waiver also be applied explicitly to trains operated by KCSM. The petition notes that “[w]hether a train is labeled as a KCSR train or a KCSM train” once it “crosses the border, it is still the same train—same locomotives, same EOTDs, and same cars inspected by the same KCSM mechanical forces.” KCSR and KCSM “are commonly owned by their parent company, Kansas City Southern,” and “have substantial overlap in their administrative and operational management, operate according to similar procedures and rules, and utilize the same or similar equipment.” KCSM operates trains to KCSR’s Laredo Yard “pursuant to an interchange agreement with KCSR.”

The petition seeks to continue moving trains from the rail bridge to KCSR’s Laredo Yard after performing a Class III brake test at the bridge, rather than performing a Class I initial terminal inspection. KCSR explains that a full Class I initial terminal inspection will be performed at Laredo Yard on every train before it is moved beyond the yard. In support of its petition, KCSR states that the waiver contributes to border security and that no incidents have been attributed to this relief in the past fourteen years.

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

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¹ <https://www.regulations.gov/document/FRA-2020-0087-0006>.