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Petition for Exemption

Docket No.: FAA–2023–0993.

Petitioner: Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd & Co KG.

Section(s) of 14 CFR Affected: § 33.27(c).

Description of Relief Sought: Harald Lackner on behalf of Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd & Co KG (RRD) is seeking relief from 14 CFR 33.27(c), which requires the highest overspeed that results from a complete loss of load on a turbine rotor, except as provided by paragraph (f) of this section, must be included in the overspeed conditions considered by paragraphs (b)(3)(i), (b)(3)(ii), and (b)(4) of this section, regardless of whether that overspeed results from a failure within the engine or external to the engine. The overspeed resulting from any other single failure must be considered when selecting the most limiting overspeed conditions applicable to each rotor. Overspeeds resulting from combinations of failures must also be considered unless the applicant can show that the probability of occurrence is not greater than extremely remote (probability range of 10⁻⁷ to 10⁻⁹ per engine flight hour).

Specifically, RRD is proposing the FAA grant relief to exclude the integral disc drive arm connecting the flange of the low pressure shaft to the stage 3 disc of the low pressure turbine rotor on the Model BR700–730B2–14 engine from failure consideration in determining the highest overspeed that would result from a complete loss of load on a turbine rotor.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA–2023–0031]

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 April 5, 2023, Amtrak petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR parts 215 (Railroad Freight Car Safety Standards), 229 (Railroad Locomotive Safety Standards), 232 (Brake System Safety Standards for Freight and Other Non-Passenger Trains and Equipment; End-of-Train Devices),

and 238 (Passenger Equipment Safety Standards). The relevant Docket Number is FRA–2023–0031.

Specifically, Amtrak requests to use virtual reality simulation assessments to satisfy the “hands-on” portion of periodic refresher training to remain qualified under §§ 215.11(b), 229.5, 232.203(b)(8), and 238.109. Amtrak has partnered with “a recognized vendor” to create virtual simulations for brake system testing, pre-departure inspections, and locomotive calendar day air brake test and inspection. Amtrak further states that the simulations will complement other Amtrak training and testing, “creating a blended learning curriculum that presents and reinforces through tactile, auditory, and visual methods.”

In support of its petition, Amtrak explains that it “believe[s] the training curriculum afforded by Amtrak’s new virtual simulations exceed the training objectives specified in each of [the] regulations noted above and will serve to enhance learner proficiency at performing the specified tests and inspections.” It also states that “when used as an evaluation tool, the virtual simulation is a better method to evaluate our students than our current state of training, as it simulates random complex defects in a virtual environment not impacting the safety of our employees or trains.”

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 July 5, 2023 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), 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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Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety, Chief Safety Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA–2010–0031]

Long Island Rail Road’s Request To Amend Its Positive Train Control Safety Plan

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This document provides the public with notice that, on April 20, 2023, Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) submitted a request for amendment (RFA) to its FRA-approved Positive Train Control Safety Plan (PTCSP) in order to support the implementation of Office Software Version STS 1.2.5 and changes to Office 3.9.3. As this RFA involves a request for FRA’s approval of proposed material modifications to an FRA-certified positive train control (PTC) system, FRA is publishing this notice and inviting public comment on LIRR’s RFA to its PTCSP.

DATES: FRA will consider comments received by May 25, 2023. FRA may consider comments received after that date to the extent practicable and without delaying implementation of valuable or necessary modifications to a PTC system.

ADDRESSES: *Comments:* Comments may be submitted by going to <https://www.regulations.gov> and following the online instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and the

applicable docket number. The relevant PTC docket number for this host railroad is Docket No. FRA-2010-0031. For convenience, all active PTC dockets are hyperlinked on FRA's website at <https://railroads.dot.gov/research-development/program-areas/train-control/ptc/railroads-ptc-dockets>. All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>; this includes any personal information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gabe Neal, Staff Director, Signal, Train Control, and Crossings Division, telephone: 816-516-7168, email: Gabe.Neal@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In general, Title 49 United States Code (U.S.C.) section 20157(h) requires FRA to certify that a host railroad's PTC system complies with Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 236, subpart I, before the technology may be operated in revenue service. Before making certain changes to an FRA-certified PTC system or the associated FRA-approved PTCSP, a host railroad must submit, and obtain FRA's approval of, an RFA to its PTCSP under 49 CFR 236.1021.

Under 49 CFR 236.1021(e), FRA's regulations provide that FRA will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** and invite public comment in accordance with 49 CFR part 211, if an RFA includes a request for approval of a material modification of a signal and train control system. Accordingly, this notice informs the public that, on April 20, 2023, LIRR submitted an RFA to its PTCSP for its Advanced Civil Speed Enforcement System II (ACSES II), which seeks FRA's approval for changes to support the implementation of Office Software Version STS 1.2.5 and changes to Office 3.9.3. These changes include bug fixes, with no change to system functionality. LIRR's RFA is available in Docket No. FRA-2010-0031.

Interested parties are invited to comment on LIRR's RFA to its PTCSP by submitting written comments or data. During FRA's review of this railroad's RFA, FRA will consider any comments or data submitted within the timeline specified in this notice and to the extent practicable, without delaying implementation of valuable or necessary modifications to a PTC system. See 49 CFR 236.1021; see also 49 CFR 236.1011(e). Under 49 CFR 236.1021, FRA maintains the authority to approve, approve with conditions, or deny a railroad's RFA to its PTCSP at FRA's sole discretion.

Privacy Act Notice

In accordance with 49 CFR 211.3, FRA solicits comments from the public to better inform its decisions. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to <https://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 <https://www.regulations.gov/privacy-notice> for the privacy notice of www.regulations.gov. To facilitate comment tracking, we encourage commenters to provide their name, or the name of their organization; however, submission of names is completely optional. If you wish to provide comments containing proprietary or confidential information, please contact FRA for alternate submission instructions.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. DOT-MARAD-2023-0100]

Request for Comments on the Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection: Voluntary Tanker Agreement

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration (MARAD) invites public comments on our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed collection OMB 2133-0505 (Voluntary Tanker Agreement) is used to gather information from tanker operators who agree to contribute, either by direct charter to the Department of Defense or to other participants, tanker capacity as requested by the Maritime Administrator, to meet the essential need for the transportation of petroleum and petroleum products in bulk by sea. The public burden is being updated to include mailing costs for respondents to submit responses for this collection. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 5, 2023.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Docket No. DOT-MARAD 2023-0100 through one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** www.regulations.gov. Search using the above DOT docket number and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- **Mail or Hand Delivery:** Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the Department's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for the Department to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Hatcher, (202) 366-0688, Office of Sealift Support, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, Email: David.Hatcher1@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Voluntary Tanker Agreement.
OMB Control Number: 2133-0505.

Type of Request: Renewal of a previously approved information collection.

Abstract: The Voluntary Tanker Agreement (VTA) is a voluntary agreement, in accordance with section 708, Defense Production Act, 1950, as amended (50 U.S.C. 4558). The collection consists of a request from the Maritime Administration (MARAD) that each VTA participant submit a list of the names of ships owned, chartered, or contracted for by the participant, their size, flags of registry, and other pertinent information. This collection of information is necessary to evaluate and plan for the use of tanker capability during national emergencies. The collected information will also be used by both MARAD and Department of Defense personnel to establish contingency plans.

Respondents: Coastwise-qualified vessel owners, operators, charterers, brokers, and vessel representatives.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 15.