

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-2010-0048. 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 PTC Safety Plan (PTCSP), a host railroad must submit, and obtain FRA's approval of, an RFA to its PTC system or 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 or train control system. Accordingly, this notice informs the public that, on June 7, 2024, Metrolink submitted an RFA to its Interoperable Electronic Train Management System (I-ETMS), which seeks FRA's approval of a temporary I-ETMS outage to support pre-revenue service vehicle acceptance testing on a new vehicle type. That RFA is available in Docket No. FRA-2010-0048.

Interested parties are invited to comment on Metrolink's RFA 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 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 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

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Nos. FRA-2010-0028, -0029, -0039, -0042, -0043, -0045, -0048, -0049, -0051, -0054, -0056, -0057, -0058, -0059, -0060, -0061, -0062, -0064, -0065, and -0070, and FRA-2011-0104]

Railroads' Joint Request To Amend Their Positive Train Control Safety Plans

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 June 7, 2024, 21 host railroads submitted a joint request for amendment (RFA) to their FRA-approved Positive Train Control Safety Plans (PTCSP), to seek FRA's approval of proposed Onboard Software Version 6.5.4. As this joint RFA involves requests for FRA's approval of proposed material modifications to FRA-certified PTC systems, FRA is publishing this notice and inviting public comment on the railroads' joint RFA to their PTCSPs.

DATES: FRA will consider comments received by July 10, 2024. FRA may consider comments received after that

date to the extent practicable and without delaying implementation of valuable or necessary modifications to PTC systems.

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 numbers for the host railroads that filed a joint RFA to their PTCSPs are cited above and in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice. 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.

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On June 7, 2024, the following 21 host railroads jointly submitted an RFA to their respective PTCSPs for their Interoperable Electronic Train Management Systems (I-ETMS): Alaska Railroad; The Belt Railway Company of Chicago; BNSF Railway; Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain); Canadian National Railway; Canadian Pacific Railway; Central Florida Rail

Corridor; Consolidated Rail Corporation; CSX Transportation, Inc.; Kansas City Southern Railway; Kansas City Terminal Railway; National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak); New Mexico Rail Runner Express; Norfolk Southern Railway; North County Transit District; Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation (Metra); Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District; South Florida Regional Transportation Authority; Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink); Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis; and Union Pacific Railroad. This RFA requests FRA's authorization for these railroads to implement I-ETMS Onboard Software Version 6.5.4, which includes changes to the I-ETMS human-machine interface. Their joint RFA is available in Docket Numbers FRA-2010-0028, -0029, -0039, -0042, -0043, -0045, -0048, -0049, -0051, -0054, -0056, -0057, -0058, -0059, -0060, -0061, -0062, -0064, -0065, and -0070, and FRA-2011-0104.

Interested parties are invited to comment on this RFA by submitting written comments or data. During FRA's review of these railroads' joint 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 PTC systems. 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 these railroads' joint RFA to their PTCSPs at FRA's sole discretion.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DOT-OST-2010-0211]

RIN No. 2105-AE07

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB

Agency Request for Reinstatement of a Previously Approved Information Collection Request: Reports by Air Carriers on Incidents Involving Animals During Air Transport
AGENCY: Office of the Secretary (OST), Department of Transportation (DOT).
ACTION: Notice of submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) and DOT Order 1351.29A, this notice confirms DOT's intention to reinstate the previously approved information collection request (ICR) Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number 2105-0552, "Reports by Air Carriers on Incidents Involving Animals During Air Transport."

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by July 22, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed ICR should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular ICR by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

PRIVACY ACT: Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received in any of DOT's dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000.¹

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vinh Q. Nguyen, Senior Trial Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, 20590,

¹ 65 FR 19477-78

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 24, 2024, DOT published a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** soliciting comment on the reinstatement of the previously approved ICR OMB control number 2105-0552, "Reports by Air Carriers on Incidents Involving Animals During Air Transport."² DOT received one comment on the 60-day notice, which is summarized below.

Title: Reports by Air Carriers on Incidents Involving Animals During Air Transport.

OMB Control Number: 2105-0552.

Type of Request: Reinstatement of a previously approved ICR.

Background: The Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century or "AIR-21" (Pub. L. 106-181), which was signed into law on April 5, 2000, includes section 710, "Reports by Carriers on Incidents Involving Animals During Air Transport." This provision was codified as 49 U.S.C. 41721. The statute requires air carriers that provide scheduled passenger air transportation to submit monthly to the Secretary of Transportation a report on any incidents involving the loss, injury, or death of an animal (as defined by the Secretary of Transportation) during air transport provided by the air carrier.

On August 11, 2003, DOT, through its Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), issued a final rule implementing section 710 of AIR-21.³ The rule required air carriers that provide scheduled passenger air transportation to submit a report to APHIS on any incident involving the loss, injury, or death of an animal during air transportation provided by the air carrier. Due to issues regarding whether APHIS had the capability to accept such information directly from the carriers, DOT made a technical change in the rule on February 14, 2005, to require air carriers to submit the required information directly to DOT's Aviation Consumer Protection Division (ACPD) rather than APHIS and to make the rule part of DOT's economic regulations.⁴

On July 3, 2014, DOT published a final rule amending the requirement that air carriers file reports with DOT on the loss, injury, or death of animals

² 89 FR 4657.

³ Reporting Directive Regarding Incidents Involving Animals During Air Transport, 68 FR 47798 (August 11, 2003).

⁴ Reports by Air Carriers on Incidents Involving Animals During Air Transport, 70 FR 7392 (February 14, 2005).