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The second virtual public listening session will be held on Wednesday, July 31, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET. A copy of the agenda will be available in advance of the session at <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/6d8b1246-2138-4ba9-821c-e926441fd2e1@c4cd245b-44f0-4395-a1aa-3848d258f78b>.

Either session may end early if all participants wishing to express their views have done so.

Public Comment: The virtual sessions will allow members of the public to make brief statements to the panel. FMCSA will also accept written comments to the docket through August 7, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Both sessions will be held virtually. The link will be sent to participants after they register, which may be done at any time.

- Registration for the June 25, 2024, session must be completed at <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/24fb5978-6282-4bc0-9edf-606db60155aa@c4cd245b-44f0-4395-a1aa-3848d258f78b>.

- Registration for the July 31, 2024, session must be completed at <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/6d8b1246-2138-4ba9-821c-e926441fd2e1@c4cd245b-44f0-4395-a1aa-3848d258f78b>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stacy Ropp, (609) 661-2062, SafetyFitnessDetermination@dot.gov.

Services for Individuals with Disabilities: FMCSA is committed to providing equal access to the listening session. For accommodations for persons with disabilities, please email FMCSA.OUTREACH@dot.gov at least 1 week in advance of the session you wish to attend to allow time to make appropriate arrangements.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation and Request for Comments

FMCSA encourages participation in the sessions and providing of comments. Members of the public may submit written comments to the public docket using any of the following methods:

A. Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (FMCSA-2022-0003). You may submit your comments and material online or by mail or hand delivery, but please use only one of these methods. FMCSA recommends that you include your name, email address, or a phone number in the body of your document.

To submit your comment online, go to www.regulations.gov. Insert the docket number (FMCSA-2022-0003) in the keyword box and click "Search." Choose the document you want to comment on and click the "Comment" button. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

FMCSA will consider all comments and materials received during the comment period for this notice, as described in the **DATES** section.

B. Viewing Comments and Documents

To view comments, go to www.regulations.gov and insert the docket number (FMCSA-2022-0003) in the keyword box and click "Search." Choose this notice and click "Browse Comments." If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Dockets Operations at (202) 366-9826. Business hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also submit or view docket entries in person or by mail: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 366-9317 or (202) 366-9826 before visiting Dockets Operations.

C. Privacy Act

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, 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/individuals/privacy/privacy-act-system-records-notices>. The comments are posted without edits and are searchable by the name of the submitter.

II. Background

FMCSA believes it is in the public interest to host two virtual public listening sessions to receive additional comments on possible updates to the Agency's SFD methodology and process. Accordingly, FMCSA is announcing these virtual listening sessions, being held on June 25 and July 31, 2024. FMCSA has also published another notice formally announcing, and providing separate registration information for, a related in-person listening session on the same topics to be held in Houston, TX in June 2024 (89 FR 48703, June 7, 2024).

FMCSA is currently contemplating changes to its SFD process. To that end,

the Agency published an ANPRM soliciting public input on the potential use of the SMS methodology to issue SFDs (88 FR 59489, Aug. 29, 2023). These virtual public listening sessions are intended to gain additional feedback on issues of concern relating to the current SFD, including, for example:

- Continuing the current SFD three-tiered rating system (Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory, Conditional) versus changing to a proposed single rating, issued only when a carrier is found to be Unfit;
- Utilizing inspection data and FMCSA's SMS;
- Incorporating driver behavior into SFD ratings; and
- Revising the list of safety violations used to calculate the rating, and adjusting the weights allocated to particular violations, including increasing the weight for 49 CFR 392.2 (unsafe driving) violations.

III. Meeting Participation

The virtual listening sessions are open to the public. Speakers' remarks will be limited to 3 minutes each.

Sue Lawless,

Acting Deputy Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2010-0048]

Southern California Regional Rail Authority's Request To Amend Its Positive Train Control System

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, the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink) submitted a request for amendment (RFA) to its FRA-certified positive train control (PTC) system. FRA is publishing this notice and inviting public comment on the railroad's RFA to its PTC system.

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 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-2010-0048. 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.

Issued in Washington, DC.

Carolyn R. Hayward-Williams,
Director, Office of Railroad Systems and
Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

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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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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 21 host railroads' recent, joint RFA to their PTCSPs is available in their respective public PTC dockets. This notice provides an opportunity for public comment.

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