

reopen and requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by February 12, 2026.

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. AB 511 (Sub-No. 8X), must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board either via e-filing on the Board's website or in writing addressed to 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on CERA's representative, Justin J. Marks, Clark Hill PLC, 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 1300 South, Washington, DC 20004.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio.

CERA has filed a combined environmental and historic report that addresses the potential effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. OEA will issue a Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) by January 30, 2026. The Draft EA will be available to interested persons on the Board's website, by writing to OEA, or by calling OEA at (202) 245-0294. If you require an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call (202) 245-0245. Comments on environmental or historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the Draft EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), CERA shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the Lines. If consummation has not been effected by CERA's filing of a notice of consummation by January 23, 2027, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Board decisions and notices are available at www.stb.gov.

Decided: January 20, 2026.

By the Board, Anika S. Cooper, Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel.

Andrea Pope-Matheson,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2020-0087]

Notice of Petition for Amendment of Waiver of Compliance

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document provides the public notice that Illinois Central Railroad Company, on behalf of itself and all US-based railroad subsidiaries of Canadian National Railway Company (CN), petitioned FRA for an amendment of relief from certain regulations concerning training requirements.

DATES: FRA must receive comments on the petition by February 23, 2026. FRA will consider comments received after that date to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES:

Comments: Comments related to this docket 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 docket number. All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>; this includes any personal information. Please see the Privacy Act heading in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document for Privacy Act information related to any submitted comments or materials.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for accessing the docket.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Check Kam, Rail Safety Specialist, FRA Motive Power & Equipment Division, telephone: 202-366-2139, email: check.kam@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by letter dated August 13, 2025, CN petitioned FRA for an amendment of its existing relief 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 Docket Number is FRA-2020-0087.

Specifically, CN was granted relief from § 232.203(b)(8), *Training requirements*, to use three-dimensional simulations using web-based or desktop software to satisfy the “hands-on” portion of required training, in connection with periodic refresher training, by letter dated May 2, 2023. In this petition, CN requests that three of the conditions of the May 2, 2023 letter be amended.

FRA's first condition states that simulation training applies only to locomotive engineers and conductors responsible for performing Class I air brake tests, but CN seeks to expand the waiver to include field supervisors and employees performing repairs to freight cars. The third condition states that CN must alternate between refresher training cycles using simulation training and operational testing/field hands-on training, and CN seeks approval to use simulation training in every training cycle. Finally, the sixth condition allows CN employees to opt out of simulation training; CN seeks to remove that provision, except for certain circumstances. In support of its request, CN finds the first condition insufficient in training its field supervisors “and other employees responsible for either inspecting and testing air brakes” and asserts that the third and sixth conditions have “become arbitrary.”

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.

Communications received by February 23, 2026 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

Privacy Act

Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of FRA's 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), DOT solicits comments from the public to 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.

Issued in Washington, DC.

John Karl Alexy,
Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety,
Chief Safety Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2021-0042]

Notice of Petition for Waiver of Compliance

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document provides the public notice that Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) petitioned FRA for relief from certain regulations concerning training requirements.

DATES: FRA must receive comments on the petition by February 23, 2026. FRA will consider comments received after that date to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES:

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

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Check Kam, Rail Safety Specialist, FRA Motive Power & Equipment Division, telephone: 202-366-2139, email: check.kam@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by undated letter received October 10, 2025 UPRR petitioned FRA for relief 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 Docket Number is FRA-2021-0042.

Specifically, UPRR seeks relief from § 232.203(b)(8), *Training requirements*, to use three-dimensional simulations using web-based or desktop software to satisfy the “hands-on” portion of periodic refresher training for transportation employees.¹ UPRR states that it believes the “systematic, blending training curriculum . . . exceeds the training objectives” of the regulations.

In support of its request, UPRR states that “using simulations enhances employee safety by allowing learners to practice in controlled, low-risk settings, reducing the chance of incidents or injuries compared to a real-world training.” Further, UPRR suggests that that the “more controlled training environment allows UP’s designated instructors to observe and evaluate a user’s ability,” reduces subjectivity of evaluators, and is more user-centered, as it is self-paced.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://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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FRA’s 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), DOT solicits comments from the public to 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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John Karl Alexy,
Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety,
Chief Safety Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2014-0127]

Notice of Petition for Extension of Waiver of Compliance

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document provides the public notice that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, on behalf of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), petitioned FRA to extend relief related to MBTA’s participation in FRA’s Confidential Close Call Reporting System (C³RS) Program.

DATES: FRA must receive comments on the petition by February 23, 2026. FRA will consider comments received after that date to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES:

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¹ UPRR notes that this petition is a resubmittal, as FRA denied UPRR’s past request in this docket in <https://www.regulations.gov/document/FRA-2021-0042-0006>.