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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by letter dated October 7, 2025, MBTA petitioned FRA for an extension of a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 240 (Qualification and Certification of Locomotive Engineers) and part 242 (Qualification and Certification of Conductors). FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2014-0127.

Specifically, MBTA requests an extension of the relief required to continue its participation in FRA's C<sup>3</sup>RS Program. MBTA seeks to continue shielding reporting employees from mandatory punitive sanctions that would otherwise arise as provided in §§ 240.117(e)(1)-(4); 240.305(a)(1)-(4) and (a)(6); 240.307; 242.403(b), (c), (e)(1)-(4), (e)(6)-(11), (f)(1)-(2); and 242.407. The C<sup>3</sup>RS Program encourages certified operating crew members to report close calls and protects the employees and the railroad from discipline or sanctions arising from the incidents reported per the C<sup>3</sup>RS Implementing Memorandum of Understanding (IMOU). The IMOU includes MBTA's operating partner, Keolis Commuter Services, and several participating labor unions.

In support of its request, MBTA states that the C<sup>3</sup>RS program has resulted in safety improvements, including additional signage to "address recurring equipment-based restrictions," a sleep apnea program, and, in compliance with 49 CFR part 270, a "comprehensive risk assessment methodology."

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://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](http://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](http://www.regulations.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2023-0081]

#### Notice of Petition for Modification of Waiver of Compliance

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document provides the public notice that the Southern California Regional Rail Authority, Alstom, and Hallcon (Petitioners) petitioned FRA to modify relief related to Metrolink's participation in FRA's Confidential Close Call Reporting System (C<sup>3</sup>RS) 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:

*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.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by letter received November 24, 2025, Petitioners petitioned FRA for a modification of a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 240 (Qualification and Certification of Locomotive Engineers) and part 242 (Qualification and Certification of Conductors). FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2023-0081.

Specifically, Petitioners wish to modify the signatories of the IMOU to include Joshua Grading and Excavating. In addition, Petitioners seek to expand the scope of the IMOU to include employees operating trains throughout the Metrolink system who were previously employed by Amtrak. Since a contract change in July 2025, they are now employed by Alstom.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://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 because 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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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Maritime Administration**

[Docket No. MARAD-2019-0094]

**Deepwater Port License Application:  
Bluewater Texas Terminal LLC—  
Supplemental Draft Environmental  
Impact Statement**

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; notice of public meeting; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Maritime Administration (MARAD), in coordination with the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), announces the availability of the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for the Bluewater Texas Terminal Single Point Mooring (Bluewater or Applicant) Deepwater Port License Application for the export of crude oil from the United States to nations abroad. In addition, MARAD and the USCG announce an informational open house and a public meeting for the SDEIS. Publication of this notice announces the availability of the SDEIS, initiates a 45-day comment period, requests public participation, provides information on how to participate in the environmental impact review process, and announces the informational open house and public meeting.

**DATES:** The open house and public meeting will be held on Tuesday,

February 3, 2026. The open house will take place from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST) and the public meeting will take place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. CST. These events will be held at the Omni Corpus Christi Hotel, 900 North Shoreline Boulevard, Corpus Christi, TX 78401. Materials submitted in response to this request for comments on the SDEIS must be submitted to the Federal eRulemaking Portal or the Federal Docket Management Facility as detailed in the **ADDRESSES** section below no later than 45 days after the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes its notice of availability of the SDEIS in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD-2019-0094 by any one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search MARAD-2019-0094 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- **Mail or Hand Delivery:** The Docket Management Facility is located at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. Documents may be delivered between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

**Instructions:** If you mail or hand-deliver your comments, we recommend that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, and/or a telephone number in a cover page so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission. All submissions received must include the agency name and specific docket number to ensure your comment is filed in the appropriate docket. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information provided. If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing.

The instructions listed in this section are the only methods in which comments will be accepted for submission to the docket. It is the commenter's responsibility to comply with the instructions above to ensure that their comments are properly submitted for consideration and review. Comments that are not submitted using the methods specified and outlined within this notice will not be considered.

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(or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). For information on DOT's compliance with the Privacy Act, please visit <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Public Meeting and Open House**

We encourage you to attend the informational open house and public meeting to learn about and comment on the Bluewater project. You will have the opportunity to submit comments on the issues related to the Bluewater project that should be addressed in the Final EIS (FEIS).

Speakers at the public meeting will be recognized in the following order: elected officials, public agencies, individuals, or groups in the sign-up order, and then anyone else who wishes to speak.

To allow everyone a chance to speak at the public meeting, we may limit speaker time, extend the meeting hours, or both. You must identify yourself, and any organization you represent, by name. Your remarks will be recorded and/or transcribed for inclusion in the public docket.

You may submit written material through the docket submission process either in place of, or in addition to, speaking. Written material should include your name and address and will be included in the public docket. Public docket materials will be made available to the public on the Federal Docket Management Facility website (see **ADDRESSES**).

If you plan to participate in the open house or public meeting and need special assistance such as sign language interpretation, non-English language interpretation services or other reasonable accommodation, please notify MARAD or USCG (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least seven business days in advance of the public meeting. Include your contact information as well as information about your specific needs.

**Request for Comments**

We request public comments or other relevant information related to the SDEIS for the Bluewater project. The comments will inform the preparation of the FEIS. We encourage attendance at the public meeting; however, the public