

Certify that the governments of the above countries are taking effective and continuing steps to address the problem of child soldiers.

Accordingly, I hereby waive such applications of section 404(a) of the CSPA.

This determination and certification shall be published in the **Federal Register** and shall be transmitted, along with the accompanying Memorandum of Justification, to Congress.

Dated: February 17, 2026.

Marco Rubio,

Secretary of State, U.S. Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36903]

Wichita, Tillman & Jackson Railway Company—Renewal of Lease Agreement Containing Interchange Commitment—Union Pacific Railroad Company

Wichita, Tillman & Jackson Railway Company (WTJR) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(4) for the renewal of its lease from Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) of approximately 16.55 miles of rail line located between milepost 0.99 in Wichita Falls, Tex., and milepost 17.54 at the Texas-Oklahoma State line near Burkburnett, Tex. (the Line).¹

According to the verified notice, WTJR has been leasing the Line from UP since 1991. See *Wichita, Tillman & Jackson Ry.—Lease & Operation Exemption—Mo. Pac. R.R.*, FD 31787 (ICC served Jan. 8, 1991). The Board authorized the renewal of this lease in 2010. See *Wichita, Tillman & Jackson Ry.—Lease Renewal Exemption—Union Pac. R.R.*, FD 35452 (STB served Dec. 23, 2010). In 2015, WTJR entered into a new lease agreement with UP for the Line with a term expiring on December 11, 2025, and the Board authorized the new lease in 2016. See *Wichita, Tillman & Jackson Ry.—Lease Exemption Containing Interchange Commitment—Union Pac. R.R.*, FD 35998 (STB served Mar. 4, 2016).

WTJR states that it and UP have agreed to amend the lease to renew it for an additional ten years. WTJR represents that the transaction involves

a renewal of a lease that the Board previously authorized, and only an extension in time is involved. Therefore, the transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. See 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(4). WTJR has disclosed in its verified notice that the lease agreement contains an interchange commitment that affects the interchange point at Wichita Falls. WTJR has provided additional information regarding the interchange commitment as required by 49 CFR 1180.4(g)(3)(i).²

As a condition to the use of this exemption, any employees affected by this transaction will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Mendocino Coast Ry.—Lease & Operate—Cal. W. R.R.*, 354 I.C.C. 732 (1978), modified, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This transaction may be consummated on or after March 20, 2026, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed).

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than March 13, 2026 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings referring to Docket No. FD 36903 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, one copy of each pleading must be served on WTJR's representative, Karl Morell, 440 1st Street NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20001.

According to WTJR, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and from historic reporting requirements under 49 CFR 1105.8(b).

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

Decided: March 3, 2026.

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

Tammy Lowery,

Clearance Clerk.

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² The exhibits to the 2015 lease agreement were submitted with the 2016 verified notice.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2025-0015]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Epilepsy and Seizure Disorders

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of renewal of exemptions; request for comments; correction.

SUMMARY: FMCSA corrects its February 23, 2026, notice requesting comments for 20 individuals to renew exemptions from the Agency's requirement interstate the requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) that interstate commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers have "no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of epilepsy or any other condition which is likely to cause loss of consciousness or any loss of ability to control a CMV. One individual's name is misspelled, and another individual's age and licensing state are incorrect. This notice corrects those errors.

DATES: This correction is effective March 6, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, FMCSA, DOT, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W64-224, Washington, DC 20590-0001, (202) 366-4001, fmcsamedical@dot.gov. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you have questions regarding viewing materials in the docket, contact Dockets Operations, (202) 366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 23, 2026, (91 FR 8571), FMCSA published a notice of renewal of exemption in which the Agency announced its decision to renew exemptions for 20 individuals from the requirement that interstate CMV drivers have "no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of epilepsy or any other condition which is likely to cause loss of consciousness or any loss of ability to control a CMV." The exemptions enable these individuals who have had one or more seizures and are taking anti-seizure medication to operate CMVs in interstate commerce, provided certain conditions are satisfied. The name of one individual listed in the notice is misspelled, and another individual's age and licensing state are incorrect. Through this notice, FMCSA corrects those errors.

In FR Doc. 2026–03462 appearing on page 8573 in the **Federal Register** of February 23, 2026, the following correction is made:

1. On page 8573, in the third column, the individual's name, "Camille Pointdexter" is corrected to read "Camille Poindexter."

2. On page 8573, in the third column, Joel Tapper's age and state of licensure, "72" and "Iowa," is corrected to read "56" and "Wisconsin."

Issued under authority delegated in 49 CFR 1.87.

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA–2010–0042]

Northeast Illinois Regional Corporation'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 February 24, 2026, the Northeast Illinois Regional Corporation (NIRC) submitted a request for amendment (RFA) to its FRA-certified positive train control (PTC) system seeking FRA's approval for two planned PTC system outages to support required network maintenance and firewall hardware upgrades. FRA is publishing this notice and inviting public comment on NIRC's RFA to its PTC system.

DATES: FRA will consider comments received by March 26, 2026. 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–2010–0042. 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 February 24, 2026, NIRC submitted an RFA to its PTCSP for its Interoperable Electronic Train Management System PTC system, which seeks FRA's approval for two planned PTC system outages to support required network maintenance and firewall hardware upgrades. That RFA is available in Docket No. FRA–2010–0042.

Interested parties are invited to comment on NIRC's RFA by submitting written comments or data. During FRA's review of NIRC'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](https://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.

Issued in Washington, DC.

Carolyn R. Hayward-Williams,

Director, Office of Railroad Systems and Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA–2025–0058]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Notice and Request for Comment; Distraction: Personal Electronic Devices

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments on a new information collection.

SUMMARY: NHTSA invites public comments about the Agency's intention to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a new information collection. Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from OMB. Under procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatement of previously approved collections. This document describes a collection of information for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval on a new information collection consisting of a single, one-time experimental research study titled, Distraction: Portable electronic device interfaces.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 5, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by the Docket No. NHTSA–2025–0058 through any of the following methods: