

followed by 24 hours off duty. In support of the request, CN provided an analysis of its safety data. The analysis found that since 2012 only one human factor-caused accident occurred on a job where employees were working a scheduled assignment allowed under the existing waiver.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

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, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

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- **Web site:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- **Fax:** 202-493-2251.
- **Mail:** Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
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Federal Register published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2013-0020]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated February 4, 2013, GE Transportation (GE) has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance 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. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2013-0020.

Specifically, GE requests relief from 49 CFR 232.409(d), *Inspection and testing of end-of-train devices*, as applied to its STR-1821 dual receive data transceivers. The current rule requires telemetry equipment to be tested for accuracy and calibrated, if necessary, at least every 368 days. The date and location of the last calibration or test, as well as the name of the person performing the calibration or test, must be legibly displayed on a weather-resistant sticker or other marking device affixed to the outside of both the front and rear of the unit.

In its petition, GE states that the STR-1821 radio is the type accepted by the Federal Communications Commission under a Grant of Equipment Authorization with identifier OQW-STR1820. Prior to shipment, each STR-1821 is tested by its supplier, Summation Research, Inc. (SRI), to specifications including frequency and modulation. SRI then affixes a sticker that indicates the date the unit passed testing. These transceivers use a master reference oscillator to determine the frequency stability of the transmitted signal. The actual transmitted signal is phase-locked to this master oscillator by the phase-locked loop (PLL). Circuitry within the PLL determines when the system is in "lock" and will prevent or inhibit transmission if the transmitted signal is not in frequency. The master oscillator itself is specified to a much

higher stability than the resulting transmitted frequency required by Federal regulations. This oscillator is used in all of SRI's mobile data radio offerings and, to date, has never failed due to being out of tolerance. GE states that, due to the transceiver's development history, key features, and proven performance, approval of this waiver request to eliminate annual calibration will be in the public interest and consistent with public safety.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2013-0108]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated October 10, 2013, New Jersey Transit Rail (NJTR) has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain Federal hours of service requirements for train employees engaged in commuter or intercity rail passenger transportation contained at 49 CFR 228.405(a)(3). FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2013-0108.

In its petition, NJTR seeks a temporary waiver, from January 31, 2014, to February 3, 2014, allowing train employees to exceed the consecutive day limitations of initiating on-duty periods to accommodate an anticipated increase in business during the 2014 Super Bowl weekend. Specifically, NJTR is requesting relief from the mandatory time off requirements of 24 consecutive hours and 2 consecutive calendar days following the initiation of on-duty periods for 6 and 14 consecutive calendar days.

In support of its request, NJTR explained that, because of the extended nature of the required additional service and the possibility of workforce illness or weather events, manpower shortfalls may occur and a waiver from the rest requirements would provide greater certainty in filling extra jobs. In addition, NJTR expressed that its safety record demonstrates that its employees worked safely before the Federal rest requirements, and that it is committed to taking additional steps to ensure fatigue is minimized.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. DOT-MARAD-2013-0137]

Request for Comments of a Previously Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below is being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comments. A **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following information collection was published on September 3, 2013 (54368, Vol. 78, No. 170).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before December 30, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia Ann Thomas, Office of Sealift Support, Maritime Administration, W25-314, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-2646 or EMAIL: patricia.thomas@dot.gov. Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Merchant Marine Medals and Awards.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0506.

Type of Request: Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: This collection of information provides a method of awarding merchant marine medals and decorations to masters, officers, and crew members of U.S. ships in recognition of their service in areas of danger during the operations by the Armed forces of the United States in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and Operation Desert Storm.

Affected Public: Masters, officers and crew members of U.S. ships.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 550.

Estimated Number of Responses: 550.

Annual Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 550.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: 1 hour.

Frequency of Collection: Annually.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the burden estimate, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of