

SUMMARY: This document provides the public with notice that, on March 3, 2025, Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) 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 April 7, 2025. 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-2010-0031. 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:

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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 under 49 CFR 236.1021(m).

Under 49 CFR 236.1021(e), FRA's regulations provide that FRA will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** and invite public comment pursuant to 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 March 3, 2025, LIRR submitted an RFA to its Advanced Civil Speed Enforcement System II (ACSES II), which seeks FRA's approval for a temporary discontinuance of ACSES II to install a construction zone. That RFA

is available in Docket No. FRA-2010-0031.

Interested parties are invited to comment on LIRR'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.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2016-0086]

Notice of Petition for Inclusion in Waiver of Compliance

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document provides the public notice that by letter received February 21, 2025, Alaska Railroad (ARRC) petitioned FRA for relief from certain regulations concerning calibration of air flow method (AFM) indicators.

DATES: FRA must receive comments on the petition by April 16, 2025. 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:

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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 February 21, 2025, ARRC petitioned FRA for inclusion in a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR parts 229 (Railroad Locomotive Safety Standards) and 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-2016-0086.

Specifically, ARRC seeks to join the relief granted in this docket from § 229.29(b), *Air brake system calibration, maintenance, and testing* and § 232.205(c)(1)(iii), *Class I brake test—initial terminal inspection*. The existing relief allows participating railroads to test extending the AFM test intervals from 92 days to 184 days on locomotives equipped with the New York Air Brake (NYAB) CCB-II and Fastbrake air brake systems.¹

In justification of the waiver request, ARRC states that participating in the waiver would allow ARRC to align its

¹ As of FRA's November 26, 2024, letter, the railroads participating in the relief in this docket are BNSF Railway Company, CSX Transportation, and CPKC.

AFM calibrations with its established maintenance schedule, ensuring the calibrations “are performed by specialized shop personnel rather than field staff.” Further, ARRC cites that data resulting from this waiver “indicates that frequent calibration interventions may actually compromise the accuracy of air flow readings.” ARRC additionally states that its “operating environment and fleet composition would provide unique insights to the existing test committee.”

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 April 16, 2025 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 www.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–2014–0124]

Notice of Petition To Modify a Waiver of Compliance

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document provides the public notice that by letter received December 10, 2024, the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) petitioned FRA for relief from a condition required by FRA’s August 9, 2016 decision letter in this docket.

DATES: FRA must receive comments on the petition by April 16, 2025. 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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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:

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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 December 10, 2024, Amtrak petitioned FRA for relief from a condition required by FRA’s August 9, 2016 decision letter in Docket Number FRA–2014–0124.¹ The waiver in this docket allows Amtrak to operate

trainsets built to Tier III standards, subject to specific conditions.

Specifically, Amtrak seeks relief from condition 11a of FRA’s decision letter, concerning roadway work hazards, which states, “Amtrak must enact an appropriate speed restriction, not to exceed 125 mph, for all Tier III trainsets when passing roadway working limits on adjacent track.”

In its petition, Amtrak states that, through its “analysis to determine the impact Condition 11a has on [Northeast Corridor (NEC)] safety,” it found that Amtrak’s planned risk mitigations will have greater positive impacts on both safety and NEC maintainability and operations. Amtrak plans to enact risk mitigations to include right-of-way barrier and fencing improvements, investment in technologies to reduce the risk of maintenance-of-way collisions, and system-wide procedural safety updates. Because of these planned improvements, Amtrak explains it has determined that condition 11a is no longer needed and that trainsets can operate “at speeds up to 160 mph in designated high-speed zones.”

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 April 16, 2025 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

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¹ See <https://www.regulations.gov/document/FRA-2014-0124-0012>.