DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System or Relief From the Requirements of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 236

Pursuant to Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 235 and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), the following railroad has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval for the discontinuance or modification of the signal system or relief from the requirements of 49 CFR part 236 as detailed below.

Docket Number FRA-2002-13951

Applicant: Canadian National Railroad, Mr. John P. Rath, Manager of Signal Installations, 3000 Minnesota Avenue, Stevens Point, Wisconsin 54481.

The Canadian National Railroad seeks approval of the proposed discontinuance and removal of the interlocked signal system on the single main track, H–43–E Manitowoc River Drawbridge, at milepost 43.83, on the Wisconsin Central Division, Manitowoc Subdivision near Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

The reason given for the proposed changes is that the track now has minimal usage.

Any interested party desiring to protest the granting of an application shall set forth specifically the grounds upon which the protest is made, and include a concise statement of the interest of the party in the proceeding. Additionally, one copy of the protest shall be furnished to the applicant at the address listed above.

All communications concerning this proceeding should be identified by the docket number and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room P-401 (Plaza Level), 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by the FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) at the above facility. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the internet at the docket facility's Web site at http:/ /dms.dot.gov.

FRA expects to be able to determine these matters without an oral hearing.

However, if a specific request for an oral hearing is accompanied by a showing that the party is unable to adequately present his or her position by written statements, an application may be set for public hearing.

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Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,

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The Canadian National Railroad seeks approval of the proposed discontinuance and removal of the interlocked signal system on the single main track, H–43–D Manitowoc River Drawbridge, at milepost 43.61, on the Wisconsin Central Division, Manitowoc Subdivision near Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

The reason given for the proposed changes is that the track now has minimal usage.

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Docket Number FRA-2002-13881

Applicant: Safe Handling Rail, Incorporated, Mr. Jonathan F. Shute, General Manager, P.O. Box 1567, Auburn, Maine 04211–1567.

Safe Handling Rail, Incorporated seeks approval of the proposed temporary discontinuance and removal from service, the Carlton Drawbridge Interlocking, milepost 30.0 on the Rockland Branch near Bath, Maine for a period of approximately six months associated with on going construction and upgrades.

The reasons given for the proposed changes are due to the activities of an outside contractor, the delivery schedule of cable, and the necessity of