

approved one brake system at the 8½ year time period, the NYAB-CCB I brake system equipped on GE locomotives with air dryers. The Committee has determined that 8½ years is the limit for all of the brake components for that system, except the 20 Block, which is limited to 6½ years. Time intervals for the CCB I system on EMD locomotives, and CCB II systems on both GE and EMD locomotives have yet to be determined, as the committee continues the evaluation process. All CSXT locomotives are equipped with functioning air dryers.

Under AAR's proposal, categories would be established for each combination of locomotive manufacturer and brake types, with and without air dryers, for testing and evaluation purposes. AAR has allocated the responsibility for testing the different categories of brake systems among six of its member railroads, the Union Pacific, BNSF, the Canadian Pacific, CSXT, the Canadian National, and Norfolk Southern. These six railroads have agreed to conduct testing similar to the same conditions imposed on the CSXT waiver.

AAR assumes that as each category of brake system/locomotive reaches a certain time period, that all locomotives in the same category belonging to AAR's members would be permitted to operate to that same time period without having to perform any of the 229.27(a)(2) and 229.29(a) inspections and tests. Furthermore, with the CSXT test program already underway, AAR would like to have all of its member railroads afforded the same time intervals that have been established for the CSXT locomotives, for locomotives in the same categories as the CSXT locomotives. For example, all GE locomotives with air dryers that are operated by AAR members and are equipped with NYAB's CCB I brake systems, would be permitted to operate for 8½ years before 229.27(a)(2) and 229.29(a) attention is required.

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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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

#### Red River Valley & Western Railroad

[Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2005-21037]

The Red River Valley & Western Railroad (RRVW), seeks a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Safety Glazing Standards, Title 49, CFR 223.11(c) (safety glazing for existing locomotives) on locomotive

RRVW 1276. The RRVW 1276 operates from the RRVW switching yard to Red River Grain Cooperative under yard limits on approximately 5 miles of track at a speed not to exceed 25 miles per hour.

The FRA field investigation reveals the glazing material for locomotive RRVW 1276 is equipped with automotive type safety glass. There is no evidence of any personal injuries and no incidents of vandalism in the history of the RRVW. The RRVW also operates over Class I track at all times.

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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