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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System or Relief from Requirements

Pursuant to Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 235 and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), the following railroads have 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 No. FRA-2000-8041

Applicant: CSX Transportation, Mr. E.G. Peterson, Assistant Chief Engineer, Signal Design and Construction, 4901 Belfort Road, Suite 130 (S/C J-370), Jacksonville, Florida 32256.

CSX Transportation seeks approval of the proposed modification of the traffic control system, on the No. 2 main track, near Elk, West Virginia, milepost CA 455.5, Kanawha Subdivision, C&O Business Unit, consisting of the discontinuance and removal of absolute controlled signals 34R and 34L, associated with the previous removal of the No. 3 switch.

The reason given for the proposed changes is to eliminate facilities no longer needed in present day operation.

Any interested party desiring to protest the granting of an application shall set forth specifically the grounds upon which the protest is made, and contain a concise statement of the interest of the protestant 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 PI-401, Washington, D.C. 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 DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PI-401 (Plaza Level), 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590-0001. 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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Docket No. FRA-2000-8042

Applicant: CSX Transportation, Mr. E.G. Peterson, Assistant Chief Engineer, Signal Design and Construction, 4901 Belfort Road, Suite 130 (S/C J-370), Jacksonville, Florida 32256.

CSX Transportation seeks approval of the proposed modification of the signal system, on the Nos. 1, 2, and 3 Fast Tracks, in Cleveland, Ohio, milepost QD-171.60, Western Region, Great Lakes Division, Chicago Line. The proposed changes consist of the discontinuance and removal of the automatic block signal system and approach signals 1733E, 1734E, and 1735E, on the Nos. 1, 2, and 3 Fast Tracks, and operate by NORAC Rules 80 and 93.

The reason given for the proposed changes is that under current operating conditions the need for the signal system no longer exists.

Any interested party desiring to protest the granting of an application

shall set forth specifically the grounds upon which the protest is made, and contain a concise statement of the interest of the protestant in the proceeding. Additionally, one copy of the protest shall be furnished to the applicant at the address listed above.

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Docket No. FRA-2000-8135

Applicants: Norfolk Southern Corporation, Mr. E.L. Sweeney, Chief Engineer C&S

Engineering, 99 Spring Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

CSX Transportation, Mr. E.G. Peterson, Assistant Chief Engineer, Signal Design and Construction, 4901 Belfort Road, Suite 130 (S/C J-370), Jacksonville, Florida 32256.

Norfolk Southern Corporation (NS) and CSX Transportation, jointly seek approval of the proposed discontinuance and removal of the traffic control system and associated approach signal, on the single main track, between Gulf Junction, milepost WG0.0 and Tams, milepost WG12.1, West Virginia, on the Gulf Winding Branch, NS Pocahontas Division. The proposed changes are associated with the removal of the rail at milepost WG0.0 and the complete branch from milepost WG0.0 to milepost WG29.3, will be out of service and inaccessible to train movements.

The reason given for the proposed changes is to eliminate facilities no longer needed in present day operation.

Any interested party desiring to protest the granting of an application shall set forth specifically the grounds upon which the protest is made, and contain a concise statement of the interest of the protestant 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 PI-401, Washington, D.C. 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 DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PI-401 (Plaza Level), 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590-0001. 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>.

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Docket No. FRA-2000-8104

Applicant: Union Pacific Railroad Company, Mr. Phil Abaray, Chief Engineer—Signals 1416 Dodge Street, Room 1000, Omaha, Nebraska 68179-1000.

Union Pacific Railroad Company seeks approval of the proposed modification of the traffic control system, on the two main tracks, near East Browder, Texas, milepost 214.9, on the Dallas Subdivision, consisting of the discontinuance and removal of leaving signals 2147 and 2149, at North Junction Control Point.

The reason given for the proposed changes is that the signals are redundant and only entering signals are used to control train movements. Removal of the leaving signals will simplify train operation and reduce possibility of confusing signals.

Any interested party desiring to protest the granting of an application shall set forth specifically the grounds upon which the protest is made, and contain a concise statement of the interest of the protestant 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 PI-401, Washington, D.C. 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

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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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Docket No. FRA-2000-8108

Applicant: Union Pacific Railroad Company, Mr. Phil Abaray, Chief Engineer—Signals, 1416 Dodge Street, Room 1000, Omaha, Nebraska 68179-1000.

Union Pacific Railroad Company seeks approval of the proposed modification of the traffic control system, on the two main tracks, near Lockwood, Texas, milepost 358.7, on the Terminal Subdivision, consisting of the discontinuance and removal of six controlled leaving signals at Tower 68.

The reason given for the proposed changes is that the signals are redundant and only entering signals are used to control train movements. Removal of the leaving signals will simplify train operation and reduce possibility of confusing signals.

Any interested party desiring to protest the granting of an application