

removal from the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS).

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) received written notice, dated November 26, 2019, from the Town of Grove Hill Alabama requesting the permanent closure of Grove Hill Municipal Airport (3A0) and the removal of the airport from the NPIAS. The FAA hereby publishes the intent of the Town of Grove Hill's notice of permanent closure of Grove Hill Municipal Airport in accordance with U.S.C. 46319(b).

**DATES:** The permanent closure of the airport is effective as of December 28, 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Graham Coffelt, Program Manager, Jackson Airports District Office, 100 West Cross Street, Suite B, Jackson, MS 39208-2307, (601) 664-9886. The closure request may be reviewed in person at this same location.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Grove Hill Municipal Airport is a single runway, general aviation airport located in Southwest Alabama and is an unobligated and unclassified NPIAS airport. On November 26, 2019, The Town of Grove Hill, Alabama, sponsor of Grove Hill Municipal Airport (3A0), informed the FAA of its intent to finalize the closure. Section 46319 of Title 49 of the United States Code [49 U.S.C. 46319] provides that a public agency (as defined in 49 U.S.C. 47102) may not permanently close an airport listed in the national plan of integrated airport systems under 49 U.S.C. 47103 without providing written notice to the Administrator of the FAA at least 30 days before the date of the closure. The FAA recognizes the letter received November 26, 2019 from the Town of Grove Hill meets that requirement. The FAA is publishing the Town of Grove Hill's notice of permanent closure of Grove Hill Municipal Airport in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 46319(b). Questions may be directed to the individual named above under the heading, **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Jackson, Mississippi on December 10, 2019.

**Rans D. Black,**

Manager, Jackson Airports District Office, Southern Region.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA-2020-0059]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Extended Operations (ETOPS) of Multi-Engine Airplanes

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. A final rule published on January 16, 2007 codified previous practices that permitted certificated air carriers to operate two-engine airplanes over long range routes. The FAA uses this information collection to ensure that aircraft for long range flights are equipped to minimize diversions, to preclude and prevent diversions in remote areas, and to ensure that all personnel are trained to minimize any adverse impacts of a diversion.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by March 23, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Please send written comments:

*By Electronic Docket:*  
[www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (Enter docket number into search field).

*By mail:* Sandra Ray, Federal Aviation Administration, Policy Integration Branch AFS-270, 1187 Thorn Run Road, Suite 200, Coraopolis, PA 15108.

*By fax:* 412-239-3063.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Timothy McClain by email at: [Timothy.McClain@faa.gov](mailto:Timothy.McClain@faa.gov); phone: 202-267-4112.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2120-0718.

*Title:* Extended Operations (ETOPS) of Multi-Engine Airplanes.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Type of Review:* Renewal of an information collection.

*Background:* The final rule codified the previous practices that permitted certificated air carriers to operate two-engine airplanes over these long-range routes and extended the procedures for extended operations to all passenger-carrying operations on routes beyond 180 minutes from an alternate airport. This option is voluntary for operators and manufacturers. The FAA uses this information collection to ensure that aircraft for long range flights are equipped to minimize diversions, to preclude and prevent diversions in remote areas, and to ensure that all personnel are trained to minimize any adverse impacts of a diversion.

*Respondents:* Approximately 20 Operators and 4 Manufacturers and 7 future operators.

*Frequency:* Information is collected on occasion.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* Burden per Operator varies per operation.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 36,536 Hours.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 16, 2020.

**Sandra L. Ray,**

Aviation Safety Inspector, FAA, Policy Integration Branch, AFS-270.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2007-28340]

#### Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this provides the public notice that on October 24, 2019, Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to renew a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR 232.205, *Class I brake test—initial terminal inspection*, and part 215, Railroad Freight Car Safety Standards. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2007-28340.

By letter dated April 24, 2015, UP received conditional relief from these Federal railroad safety regulations for freight cars received in interchange at the U.S./Mexico border crossing in Brownsville, Texas, to permit required inspections to be conducted in Olmito,

Texas, 5.65 miles north of West Rail International Bridge, located west of Brownsville, Texas. The original justification for the relief, as stated by UP, was to reduce train delays and congestion within the city of Brownsville, Texas. By letter dated February 7, 2018, UP received a modified waiver to incorporate unified conditions with its recently renewed waivers for its Mexican interchanges at Laredo and Eagle Pass, Texas, and Nogales, Arizona.

In support of its present petition to extend its relief, UP states it has been operating under the requirements set forth in this waiver since the grant date and have found no adverse effect on operational safety.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Ave. 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 parties desire 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.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- **Website:** <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 Ave. SE, W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- **Hand Delivery:** 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received by February 21, 2020 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable. Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our 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 better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://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/privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of [regulations.gov](https://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-2019-0107]

#### Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this provides the public notice that on December 11, 2019, BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) 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. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2019-0107.

BNSF requests that FRA grant a waiver of compliance from 49 CFR 232.215, *Transfer train brake tests*, with respect to transfer movements between BNSF's Old South Yard and New South Yard in Houston, Texas ("transfer movements"). Specifically, BNSF proposes to conduct a Class III brake test in lieu of a transfer train brake test prior to making a transfer movement governed by this waiver. BNSF believes that the limited waiver it seeks in this context is appropriate because the risk of proceeding with the transfer movements without a full transfer train brake test is minimal and is adequately addressed by the conditions BNSF proposes.

Transfer movements between BNSF's Old South Yard and New South Yard require a train to traverse approximately 1,400 feet of main line track on the Houston West Belt Subdivision ("Main Line"). The Main Line between the yards is tangent with no obstructions to visibility in either direction and is on a

level grade. Track speed on the Main Line at this location is 20 miles per hour (MPH), but trains performing transfer movements between BNSF yards operate at 10 MPH and would continue to do so under this waiver.

BNSF previously petitioned FRA for a waiver on this topic (see Docket Number FRA-2004-19949). FRA denied that petition without prejudice principally due to the absence of any conditions or alternate procedures included within the petition to ensure an adequate level of safety. BNSF believes the conditions set forth below will adequately address FRA's concerns.

BNSF requests that the waiver be granted to permit transfer movements to be governed subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to undertaking a transfer movement, the brake pipe will be connected through the entire cut of cars to be moved.

2. Prior to undertaking a transfer movement, a successful Class III brake test must be performed on the train performing the transfer movement, with air pressure at the rear of the consist verified using an air gauge.

3. All trains performing a transfer movement between Old South Yard and New South Yard will be limited to a maximum speed of 10 MPH.

BNSF states these conditions represent a revised approach incorporating FRA's guidance from its denial of the 2005 petition.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Ave. 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 parties desire 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.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods: