

America requirements; *and* have the cost of components manufactured in the United States be at least 55 percent of the cost of all components? What are the expected charger types (*i.e.*, DCFC or ACL2 chargers) and specifications (*e.g.*, maximum charging power, connector type)?

6. For chargers expected to be ordered from now until June 30, 2024, what is the average expected time between when a charger is ordered and when its manufacture is complete? What is the average expected time between when a charger is ordered and when it is shipped? Do you expect that these times will vary? If so, why?

7. How have Federal incentives for EVs and EV charging infrastructure (such as the EV tax credits included in the Inflation Reduction Act (Pub. L. 117–169) and the Federal funding for EV charging infrastructure included in BIL) affected your business plans and models? To what extent have they supported or inhibited expansion or onshoring of your operations?

8. Will you be able to supply EV chargers to all 50 States, as well as the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico? Have you experienced or do you expect to experience any limitations to distributing EV chargers to certain locations? If so, what are these limitations?

9. What obstacles, if any, have you encountered in conducting final assembly of EV chargers in the United States? What obstacles do you expect to face in the future?

10. What costs have you incurred in manufacturing EV chargers that comply with the Final Waiver? What costs do you expect to incur?

11. What obstacles, if any, have you encountered in manufacturing EV chargers where the cost of components manufactured in the United States is at least 55 percent of the cost of all components? What obstacles do you expect to face in the future?

12. What obstacles, if any, have you encountered in manufacturing EV chargers where the housing, if predominantly iron or steel, complies with FHWA's existing Buy America requirements?

13. What benefits have you achieved by producing EV chargers in the United States compared to abroad (*e.g.*, jobs created, wages paid, innovations spurred, more reliable supply chains, lower transportation costs)?

14. Are there any components currently manufactured outside of the United States that could be manufactured in the United States at reasonable cost but are not? If yes, what are those components, and why do you

believe that they are not being manufactured in the United States?

15. What steps can be taken to increase the number of EV chargers that have final assembly occur in the United States; have the cost of components manufactured in the United States be at least 55 percent of the cost of all components; and, if the housing is predominantly iron or steel, have housing that complies with FHWA's existing Buy America requirements? How long might it take to undertake those steps?

16. What is the volume of EV chargers that could be shifted to being manufactured to the specifications stated in question 15? How long would that shift take? How many EV chargers could be manufactured if that shift occurred and over what time period?

For Recipients of Federal Financial Assistance

17. Please identify all EV charger manufacturers currently selling, manufacturing, or operating EV chargers in the United States, of which you are aware.

18. Which EV charger manufacturers are you aware of that produce an EV charger where final assembly occurs in the United States and where, if the housing is predominantly iron or steel, the housing complies with BABA's iron and steel standards? Which EV manufacturers are you aware of that produce an EV charger where final assembly occurs in the United States; where the cost of components manufactured in the United States is at least 55 percent of the cost of all components; *and* where, if the housing is predominantly iron or steel, the housing complies with FHWA's existing Buy America requirements?

19. What sources of Federal financial assistance have you used to purchase EV chargers from the beginning of calendar year 2023 until now? For each source, please list the specific source of Federal financial assistance (*e.g.*, FHWA NEVI funds, EPA Clean School Bus Program funds), include the number of EV chargers purchased using that source of funds, the charger types purchased (*i.e.*, DCFC or ACL2 chargers) and their specifications (*e.g.*, maximum charging power, connector type)?

20. How many EV chargers do you expect to purchase from now until June 30, 2024, using Federal financial assistance? Please list all sources of Federal funding used (*e.g.*, FHWA NEVI funds, EPA Clean School Bus Program funds). For each source, please include the number of EV chargers purchased using that source of funds, the charger types purchased (*i.e.*, DCFC or ACL2

chargers) and their specifications (*e.g.*, maximum charging power, connector type)?

21. What is the average time between when EV chargers are purchased and when they are delivered? What is the average time between when EV chargers are purchased and when they are installed and operational? Have you found these times to vary? If so, why do you believe this is the case?

22. Have you received different cost estimates for EV chargers manufactured before and after the publication of the Final Waiver on February 21, 2023? If so, what is the difference?

23. Have you received different delivery time estimates for EV chargers manufactured before and after the publication of the Final Waiver on February 21, 2023? If so, what is the difference?

24. Has any difficulty in procuring chargers that are compliant with the Final Waiver caused you to slow your implementation of EV charging? If so, how many chargers were affected and how long was the delay?

General

25. The FHWA also requests comments on the FAQs on Buy America requirements for EV chargers that are posted at https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/contracts/buyam_qaev/buyam_qaev.pdf, as well as any additional issues or topics that you believe would be useful for FHWA to address in subsequent guidance. In providing such comments, please refer to the specific question number in the FAQs that you are commenting on.

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Administrator, Federal Highway Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA–2015–0036]

Petition for Extension of Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on October 13, 2023, Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for an extension of a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 232 (Brake

System Safety Standards for Freight and Other Non-Passenger Trains and Equipment; End-of-Train Devices). The relevant Docket Number is FRA–2015–0036.

Specifically, UPRR requests to continue operating extended haul trains for distances of up to 1,680 miles, beyond the limit of 1,500 miles stated in 49 CFR 232.213, *Extended haul trains*. In support of its request, UPRR states that it reviews with FRA “the list of trains associated with this waiver at a frequency of no less than once per quarter” and “adjustments are made accordingly.” UPRR further explains that “over a 56-month period, the incident rate has been no more than .055%[, which were] four events comprised of wheelset, axle, and journal bearing defects.” UPRR also notes that for the eight-year history of this waiver, UPRR “has not identified any adverse effect on the safety of operations” and that the waiver extension would “continue to support personnel safety, reduce critical resource idle time, and have a positive impact on the environment.”

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.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Communications received by January 8, 2024 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), the U.S. Department of Transportation (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, 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,

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Chief Safety Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request Relating to Affordable Care Act Notice of Rescissions

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The IRS is soliciting comments concerning affordable care act notice of rescissions.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 8, 2024 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Andres Garcia, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or by email to pra.comments@irs.gov. Include OMB control number 1545–2180 or Affordable Care Act Notice of Rescissions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the regulations should be directed to Kerry Dennis at (202) 317–5751, or at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet, at Kerry.L.Dennis@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Affordable Care Act Notice of Rescissions.

OMB Number: 1545–2180.

Regulation Project Numbers: TD 9744.

Abstract: This document contains final regulations regarding grandfathered health plans, preexisting

condition exclusions, lifetime and annual dollar limits on benefits, rescissions, coverage of dependent children to age 26, internal claims and appeal and external review processes, and patient protections under the Affordable Care Act.

Current Actions: There are no changes to the regulation or burden.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,533.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 20 hours.

The following paragraph applies to all the collections of information covered by this notice.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained if their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: November 1, 2023.

Kerry L. Dennis,

Tax Analyst.

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