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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 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–2006–24563

Applicant: Long Island Rail Road, Mr. Brian J. Finn, Chief Engineer, Hillside Maintenance Complex, 93–59 183 Street, Hollis, New York 11423.

The Long Island Rail Road Company (LIRR) seeks relief from the requirements of the Rules, Standard and Instructions, Title 49 CFR, Part 236, § 236.51, Track circuit requirements, to the extent that the LIRR be permitted to utilize single rail track circuits which do not provide for broken rail protection, in the vicinity of a new LIRR terminal called East Side Access (ESA). The ESA Project is a new rail and tunnel connection being developed, which will

operate from existing Harold Interlocking, located in Long Island City, Queens, New York, extending approximately 3.5 miles into a new eight track terminal at Grand Central Terminal (GCT), in New York City, New York. There is a total of 36 specified track circuits involved.

Applicant's justification for relief:

(1) The track speed for these circuits will be restricted to 15 mph.

(2) The track in this area will be inspected, a minimum of twice per week, for evidence of broken rail.

(3) The cost to provide broken rail protection in the area is estimated to cost \$30 million, due to the necessary installation of reactors in the negative return circuits. These reactors are necessary for LIRR's double rail track circuits in DC propulsion territory, to prevent leakage current from adjoining track circuits from keeping track relays energized, in the event of a broken rail.

(4) The installation of broken rail reactors would have an effect on the tunnel construction and the environmental impact study (EIS), due to increased ventilation plant requirements for the reactors.

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 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 PL–401 (Plaza Level), 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590–0001.

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Docket No. FRA–2006–24326

Applicants: Union Pacific Railroad Company, Mr. W.E. Wimmer, Vice President—Engineering, 1400 Douglas Street, Mail Stop 0910, Omaha, Nebraska 68179.

Canadian Pacific Railway, Mr. Robert R. Otis, Manager Signal and Communication, Metro 94 Business Center, 425 Etna Street—Suite 38, St. Paul, Minnesota 55106.

The Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) and the Canadian Pacific Railway jointly seek approval of the proposed discontinuance and removal of the rail locks on Bridge 15, located at milepost 2.4, on the UP Mankato Subdivision, near St. Paul, Minnesota.

The reason given for the proposed changes is that the remaining appliances on Bridge 15 provide the required protection.

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