

actually treated as private by its owner. Under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), CBI is exempt from public disclosure. If your comments responsive to the notice contain commercial or financial information that is customarily treated as private, that you actually treat as private, and that is relevant or responsive to the notice, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Please mark each page of your submission that constitutes CBI as "PROPIN" to indicate it contains proprietary information. FMCSA will treat such marked submissions as confidential under the Freedom of Information Act, and they will not be placed in the public docket of the notice. Submissions containing CBI should be sent to Brian Dahlin [brian.g.dahlin@dot.gov](mailto:brian.g.dahlin@dot.gov), Chief, Regulatory Evaluation Division, Office of Policy, FMCSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001 or via email at [brian.g.dahlin@dot.gov](mailto:brian.g.dahlin@dot.gov). At this time, you need not send a duplicate hardcopy of your electronic CBI submissions to FMCSA headquarters. Any comments FMCSA receives not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket for this notice.

## II. Legal Basis

FMCSA has authority under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b) to grant exemptions from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. FMCSA must publish a notice of each exemption request in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(a)). The Agency must provide the public an opportunity to inspect the information relevant to the application, including the applicant's safety analysis. The Agency must provide an opportunity for public comment on the request.

The Agency reviews the application, safety analyses, and public comments submitted and determines whether granting the exemption would likely achieve a level of safety equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved absent such exemption pursuant to the standard set forth in 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(1). The Agency must publish its decision in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(b)). If granted, the notice will identify the regulatory provision from which the applicant will be exempt, the effective period, and all terms and conditions of the exemption (49 CFR 381.315(c)(1)). If the exemption is denied, the notice will explain the reason for the denial (49 CFR 381.315(c)(2)). The exemption may be renewed (49 CFR 381.300(b)).

## III. Applicant's Request

USCHI requested a renewal of its current exemption. USCHI stated that it frequently employs drivers younger than 21 years of age, who are issued CDLs with a "K" restriction. Under an exception that has been in place since 1971, the requirement that commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers must be at least 21-years old does not apply to a someone who drives a CMV in interstate commerce while engaged in custom-harvesting operations, provided that certain conditions are met (49 CFR 391.2(a)). Under the exemption in section 391.2(a), drivers under 21 are therefore allowed to drive in interstate custom harvesting operations, but remain subject to the the "K" restriction which makes their licenses invalid outside the State of issuance. The current exemption allows holders of "K"-restricted CDLs to operate in interstate commerce.

USCHI states that, even though CMV drivers engaged in custom harvesting are excepted from the 21-year-old requirement, they are frequently cited during roadside inspections because of the presence of the "K" restriction on their licenses. USCHI states that this issue negatively impacts the safety records of drivers and employers. USCHI asks the Agency to renew its exemption, subject to terms and conditions, that would allow law enforcement officers to determine that the driver is operating in custom harvester operations. For example, USCHI proposes that the driver be required to provide at least three methods of verification while en route.

A copy of USCHI's request for an exemption renewal is available for review in the docket for this notice.

## IV. Request for Comments

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b), FMCSA requests public comment from all interested persons on USCHI's application for an exemption from the "K" intrastate restriction on CDLs held by custom harvester drivers under the age of 21 operating in interstate commerce (49 CFR 391.2; 49 CFR 383.23(a)(2) and 49 CFR 383.153(a)(10)(vii)). All comments received before the close of business on the comment closing date will be considered and will be available for examination in the docket at the location listed under the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. Comments received after the comment closing date will be filed in the public docket and will be considered to the extent practicable. In addition to late comments, FMCSA will also continue to

file, in the public docket, relevant information that becomes available after the comment closing date. Interested persons should continue to examine the public docket for new material.

**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2010-0032]

#### Metro-North Railroad's Request To Amend Its Positive Train Control Safety Plan and Positive Train Control System

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

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

**SUMMARY:** This document provides the public with notice that, on May 2, 2025, Metro-North Railroad (MNR) submitted a request for amendment (RFA) to its FRA-approved Positive Train Control Safety Plan (PTCSP) to update its onboard computer (OBC) software to OBC 02.00.0000 Software Baseline for the MNR Siemens Charger Dual Mode Locomotive. FRA is publishing this notice and inviting public comment on MNR's RFA to its PTCSP.

**DATES:** FRA will consider comments received by June 2, 2025. FRA may consider comments received after that date to the extent practicable and without delaying implementation of valuable or necessary modifications to a PTC system.

#### **ADDRESSES:**

*Comments:* Comments may be submitted by going to <https://www.regulations.gov> and following the online instructions for submitting comments.

*Instructions:* All submissions must include the agency name and the applicable docket number. The relevant PTC docket number for this host railroad is Docket No. FRA-2010-0032. For convenience, all active PTC dockets are hyperlinked on FRA's website at <https://railroads.dot.gov/research-development/program-areas/train-control/ptc/railroads-ptc-dockets>. All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>; this includes any personal information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gabe Neal, Staff Director, Signal, Train

Control, and Crossings Division, telephone: 816-516-7168, email: [Gabe.Neal@dot.gov](mailto:Gabe.Neal@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In general, title 49 United States Code (U.S.C.) section 20157(h) requires FRA to certify that a host railroad’s PTC system complies with title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 236, subpart I, before the technology may be operated in revenue service. Before making certain changes to an FRA-certified PTC system or the associated FRA-approved PTCSP, a host railroad must submit, and obtain FRA’s approval of, an RFA to its PTCSP under 49 CFR 236.1021.

Under 49 CFR 236.1021(e), FRA’s regulations provide that FRA will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** and invite public comment in accordance with 49 CFR part 211, if an RFA includes a request for approval of a material modification of a signal or train control system. Accordingly, this notice informs the public that, on May 2, 2025, MNR submitted an RFA to its PTCSP for its Advanced Civil Speed Enforcement System II (ACSES-II), which seeks FRA’s approval to update its OBC software to OBC 02.00.0000 Software Baseline for the MNR Siemens Charger Dual Mode Locomotive. That RFA is available in Docket No. FRA-2010-0032.

Interested parties are invited to comment on MNR’s RFA to its PTCSP by submitting written comments or data. During FRA’s review of MNR’s RFA, FRA will consider any comments or data submitted within the timeline specified in this notice and to the extent practicable, without delaying implementation of valuable or necessary modifications to a PTC system. See 49 CFR 236.1021; see also 49 CFR 236.1011(e). Under 49 CFR 236.1021, FRA maintains the authority to approve, approve with conditions, or deny a railroad’s RFA to its PTCSP at FRA’s sole discretion.

**Privacy Act Notice**

In accordance with 49 CFR 211.3, FRA solicits comments from the public to better inform its decisions. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to <https://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 <https://www.regulations.gov/privacy-notice> for the privacy notice of [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). To facilitate comment tracking, we encourage commenters to provide their name, or the name of their organization; however, submission of names is completely optional. If you wish to provide comments containing proprietary or confidential information, please contact FRA for alternate submission instructions.

Issued in Washington, DC.  
**Carolyn R. Hayward-Williams**,  
*Director, Office of Railroad Systems and Technology.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration**

**Hazardous Materials: Notice of Applications for New Special Permits**

**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** List of applications for special permits.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, special permits from the Department of Transportation’s Hazardous Material Regulations, notice is hereby given that

the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the application described herein.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before June 11, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Record Center, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590.

Comments should refer to the application number and be submitted in triplicate. If confirmation of receipt of comments is desired, include a self-addressed stamped postcard showing the special permit number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Donald Burger, Chief, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety General Approvals and Permits Branch, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, East Building, PHH-13, 1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast, Washington, DC 20590-0001, (202) 366-4535.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Each mode of transportation for which a particular special permit is requested is indicated by a number in the “Nature of Application” portion of the table below as follows: (1) Motor vehicle, (2) Rail freight, (3) Cargo vessel, (4) Cargo aircraft only, (5) Passenger-carrying aircraft.

Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the Records Center, East Building, PHH-13, 1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast, Washington DC.

This notice of receipt of applications for special permit is published in accordance with part 107 of the Federal hazardous materials transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5117(b); 49 CFR 1.53(b)).

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 1, 2025.

**Donald P. Burger**,  
*Chief, General Approvals and Permits Branch.*

**SPECIAL PERMITS DATA**

| Application No. | Applicant                  | Regulation(s) affected                 | Nature of the special permits thereof  |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--|--|
| 21982-N .....   | Ford Motor Company .....   | 173.185(b)(3)(ii), 173.185(b)(6) ..... | To authorize the transportation of multiple large cells in large packaging in compliance with existing LP903 packing instruction of the UN Model Regulations. (modes 1, 2).                                    |
| 21983-N .....   | Resonac America, Inc ..... | 178.35 .....                           | To authorize the transportation in commerce of foreign cylinders containing Dichlorosilane. (modes 1, 3).  |
| 21985-N .....   | Accuray Incorporated ..... | 173.310 .....                          | To authorize the manufacture, mark, sale, and use of non-DOT specification cylinders for the purpose of incorporation into a radiation detector. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5).  |
| 21988-N .....   | PAG Holdings, LLC .....    | 173.240(f), 178.1030 .....             | To authorize the transportation in commerce of non-specification flexible intermediate bulk containers that do not conform to all applicable specification FIBC requirements in 49 CFR Part 178. (modes 1, 2). |