

**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-2010-0061. 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:**

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**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 or discontinuance of a signal and train control system. Accordingly, this notice informs the public that, on July 14, 2023, UP submitted an RFA to its PTCSP for its Interoperable Electronic Train Management System (I-ETMS), which seeks FRA's approval to add information on UP's Arrangement of Onboard PTC Apparatus and provide other general edits to its PTCSP. That RFA is available in Docket No. FRA-2010-0061.

Interested parties are invited to comment on UP's RFA to its PTCSP by submitting written comments or data. During FRA's review of UP'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.

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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.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

[Docket No. DOT-OST-2023-0092]

**Potential Research and Development Areas of Interest for the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Infrastructure (ARPA-I); Request for Information; Extension of Comment Period**

**AGENCY:** Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice; request for information (RFI); extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On June 13, 2023, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology (OST-R) of the Department of Transportation (DOT) published in the **Federal Register** a request for information seeking comments on potential research and development areas of interest for the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Infrastructure (ARPA-I). That request established a 45-day comment period closing on July 28, 2023. DOT is extending the public comment period until August 11, 2023.

**DATES:** The comment period for the notice published on June 13, 2023 (88 FR 38590) is extended. The due date for submitting comments is August 11, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit any written comments to Docket Number DOT-OST-2023-0092 electronically through

the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://regulations.gov>. Go to <https://regulations.gov> and select "Department of Transportation (DOT)" from the agency menu to submit or view public comments. Note that, except as provided below, all submissions received, including any personal information provided, will be posted without change and will be available to the public on <https://www.regulations.gov>. You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477) or at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information contact Mr. Timothy A. Klein, Director, Technology Policy and Outreach, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology (202-366-0075) or by email at [timothy.klein@dot.gov](mailto:timothy.klein@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOT published a request for information in the **Federal Register** on June 13, 2023 (88 FR 38590) seeking comments on potential research and development areas of interest for the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Infrastructure (ARPA-I). The public comment period is extended to August 11, 2023. All other information in the notice from June 13, 2023 remains the same.

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