

were taken, are described in the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the project, and in other documents in the FHWA or WisDOT project records. The FEIS, Revised ROD, and other project records are available by contacting FHWA or WisDOT at the addresses provided above. The FHWA FEIS and Revised ROD can also be viewed at the Wisconsin DOT's La Crosse office at the address noted above. This notice applies to all Federal agency decisions as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to:

1. *General*: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [42 U.S.C. 4321–4351]; Federal-Aid Highway Act (FAHA) [23 U.S.C. 109 and 23 U.S.C. 128].

2. *Air*: Clean Air Act [42 U.S.C. 7401–7671(q)].

3. *Land*: Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 [23 U.S.C. 138 and 49 U.S.C. 303] and Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Act as amended [16 U.S.C. 4601].

4. *Wildlife*: Endangered Species Act [16 U.S.C. 1531–1544 and section 1536]; Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act [16 U.S.C. 661–667(d)].

5. *Historic and Cultural Resources*: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended [16 U.S.C. 470(f) *et seq.*]; Archeological Resources Protection Act of 1977 [16 U.S.C. 470(aa)–470(ll)]; Archeological and Historic Preservation Act [16 U.S.C. 469–469(c)]; Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act [25 U.S.C. 3001–3013].

6. *Social and Economic*: Civil Rights Act of 1964 [42 U.S.C. 2000(d)–2000(d)(1)]; Farmland Protection Policy Act [7 U.S.C. 4201–4209].

7. *Executive Orders*: E.O. 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Population; E.O. 13007, Indian Sacred Sites.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

**Authority**: 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1).

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

#### BNSF Railway Company

(*Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA–2008–0157*)

The BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) seeks a waiver of compliance with the Locomotive Safety Standards, 49 CFR 229.23 (requiring a periodic inspection at least every 92 days) and 229.25 (requiring specific tests at every periodic inspection) for BNSF General Electric *Evolution* series and Electro-Motive Diesel *ACe* series locomotives.

BNSF states in their request that each of the subject locomotives are equipped with new self-diagnostic technology and advanced computer control, and that the locomotives were designed by the manufacturer to be maintained at a 6 month interval. BNSF further indicates that if the waiver is granted, the required 92 day periodic inspection will be performed at 184 day intervals on the subject locomotives, and that qualified mechanical forces will perform at least one of the required daily inspections every 31 days. FRA non-complying conditions discovered on locomotives en-route or during any daily inspection will be moved to a mechanical facility capable of making required repairs.

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, 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 (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA–2008–0157) and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Web site*: <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 Avenue, SE., W12–140, Washington, DC 20590.

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

Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.–5 p.m.) at the above facility. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's Web site at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Anyone is able to 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 comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477–78).

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