

detecting proper swing span seating than that described in the FRA's Technical Manual.

Applicant's justification for relief: BNSF fully expects the actual rail surface and alignment to be maintained within the 3/8 inch required by 236.312; however, BNSF's Bridge Engineers feel that additional easer bar clearance is needed to reliably operate this bridge because of its particular design. The Hannibal Bridge does not have wedges or rollers, and instead has end lifts on each corner of the swing span. BNSF has installed, at great expense, a rather elaborate mechanical proximity sensor device, near the deck level at each of the four corners of the bridge, to detect that the bridge is properly seated. While this approach to detecting locking is not the same as described in the FRA's Technical Manual, BNSF's Bridge Engineers believe it accurately detects when the swing span is properly seated, clearly the intent of the rule. These devices are designed to detect that all four corners are within 3/8 inch of the proper seated position vertically and, on two of the corners, within 3/8 inch of proper horizontal alignment. BNSF respectfully submits that while the method of detecting bridge locking and rail surface/alignment on their Hannibal Bridge might not be conventional or familiar, it is completely safe and complies with the intent of 49 CFR 236.312.

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FRA expects to be able to determine these matters without an oral hearing. However, if a specific request for an oral hearing is accompanied by a showing that the party is unable to adequately present his or her position by written statements, an application may be set for public hearing.

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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-2005-23065]

*Applicant:* 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 Canadian Pacific Railway seeks approval of the proposed modification of the traffic control system, at milepost 3.22, just west of Lyndale Avenue, on the Paynesville Subdivision, near Minneapolis, Minnesota, consisting of the discontinuance and removal of the power-operated derail. The proposed change is associated with a plan to install a new stand-alone remote-controlled derail, just outside the actual yard tracks, at milepost 3.65.

The reason given for the proposed changes is due to safety concerns about the derail's location and operation.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-04-18765]

#### Frontal New Car Assessment Program

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).