

hand operation, equipped with an electric lock, and remove the three associated controlled signals.

The reason given for the proposed changes is to eliminate facilities no longer needed in present day operation.

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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 No. FRA-2004-18485

Applicants

CSX Transportation, Incorporated, Mr. N. M Choat, Chief Engineer, Communications and Signal, 4901 Belfort Road, Suite 130, Jacksonville, Florida 32256.

Allegheny Valley Railroad Company, Mr. Russell A. Peterson, 25 South Broadway, Scottdale, Pennsylvania 15683.

Buffalo and Pittsburgh Railroad, Incorporated, Mr. David J. Collins, President, New York/Pennsylvania Region, 1200-C Scottsville Road, Suite 200, Rochester, New York 14624.

CSX Transportation, Incorporated, Allegheny Valley Railroad Company (AVR), and Buffalo and Pittsburgh Railroad, Incorporated (BPRR), jointly seek approval of the proposed discontinuance and removal of the traffic control system, on the single main track and sidings, between milepost BG-1.3, near Etna, Pennsylvania and milepost BG-55.4, near New Castle, Pennsylvania, on the Baltimore Division, P&W Subdivision. The proposed changes include the conversion of all power-operated switches to hand operation, installation of operative approach signals at mileposts BG-3.0 and BG-50.95, and designation of the method of operation to Rule 105, Other than Main Track. The proposal also includes retention of all highway-rail grade crossing warning system in the application area.

The reason given for the proposed changes is to eliminate facilities no longer needed in present day operation. AVR will take over operations between Glenwood, Pennsylvania and milepost BG-10.4, and BPRR will take over operations between mileposts BG-10.4 and BG-51.2.

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