

Operating Rules); 219 (Control of Alcohol and Drug Use); 221 (Rear End Marking Device—Passenger, Commuter and Freight Trains); 223 (Safety Glazing Standards—Locomotives, Passenger Cars and Cabooses); 225 (Railroad Accidents/Incidents: Reports Classification, and Investigations); 228 (Passenger Train Employee Hours of Service; Recordkeeping and Reporting; Sleeping Quarters); 229 (Railroad Locomotive Safety Standards); 231 (Railroad Safety Appliance Standards); 238 (Passenger Equipment Safety Standards); 239 (Passenger Train Emergency Preparedness); 240 (Qualification and Certification of Locomotive Engineers); and 242 (Qualification and Certification of Conductors). The relevant Docket Number is FRA–2002–11809.

Specifically, NCTD requests to extend its relief from the above listed CFR parts, as pertaining to its 12 diesel multiple unit vehicles that comprise the Sprinter rail fixed-guideway urban rapid transit service. The Sprinter service runs on the Escondido Subdivision, a 22-mile right-of-way with temporal separation from freight service operated by BNSF Railway. In support of its request, NCTD states that the California Public Utilities Commission Rail Safety Division will continue to provide Federal Transit Administration Rail Fixed Guideway State Safety Oversight, as required by regulations.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov.

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 and a public hearing, 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 and may be submitted at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

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[Docket Number FRA–2023–0032]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on April 6, 2023, Steamtown National Historic Site (SNCX) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 240 (Qualification and Certification of Locomotive Engineers) and part 242 (Qualification and Certification of Conductors). FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2023–0032.

Specifically, SNCX requests relief required to participate in FRA's Confidential Close Call Reporting System (C³RS) Program. SNCX seeks to shield reporting employees and the railroad from mandatory punitive sanctions that would otherwise arise as provided in §§ 240.117(e)(1)–(4); 240.305(a)(1)–(4) and (a)(6); 240.307; 242.403(b), (c), (e)(1)–(4), (e)(6)–(11), (f)(1)–(2); and 242.407. The C³RS Program encourages certified operating crew members to report close calls and protects the employees and the railroad from discipline or sanctions arising from the incidents reported per the C³RS Implementing Memorandum of Understanding.

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Petition for Extension of Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by letters dated March 20, 2023, and May 11, 2023, the Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation (Metra) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)