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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA-2012-0350]

#### Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** This action reopens the comment period for a Petition for Exemption that was published on June 12, 2012. The petition for exemption from Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) and Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), if granted, would allow AOPA and EAA members to conduct certain operations of aircraft without having to hold an FAA-issued medical certificate.

**DATES:** The comment period for Docket No. FAA-2012-0350 is reopened until September 14, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments identified by docket number FAA-2012-0350 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- *Mail:* Send comments to Docket Operations, M-30; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12-140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *Fax:* Fax comments to Docket Operations at 202-493-2251.

*Privacy:* The FAA will post all comments it receives, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information the commenter provides. Using the search function of the docket Web site, anyone can find and read the electronic form of all comments received into any FAA docket, including the name of the

individual sending the comment (or signing the comment for an association, business, labor union, etc.). DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement can be found in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-19478), as well as at <http://DocketsInfo.dot.gov>.

*Docket:* Background documents or comments received may be read at <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time. Follow the online instructions for accessing the docket or Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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#### Background

On June 12, 2012, a summary of the AOPA/EAA petition was published in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 35103). Comments to that document were to be received on or before July 2, 2012.

By letter dated June 18, 2012, AOPA and EAA requested that the FAA extend the comment period for an additional 70 days. The petitioner states that the additional time is necessary to ensure the public has adequate time to provide substantive comments.

#### Reopening Comment Period

In accordance with § 11.47(c) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, the FAA has reviewed the petition made by AOPA/EAA. The FAA has determined that reopening of the comment period is consistent with the public interest, and that good cause exists for taking this action.

Accordingly, the comment period for Docket No. FAA-2012-0350 is reopened until September 14, 2012.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2012-0053]

#### Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System

In accordance with Part 235 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations

(CFR) and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated June 5, 2012, the Alabama and Tennessee River Railway LLC has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval for the discontinuance or modification of a signal system. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2012-0053.

*Applicant:* Alabama and Tennessee River Railway LLC, Mr. Jason Scott, Vice President Signals & Communications, 3425 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35904.

The Alabama and Tennessee River Railway LLC (ATN) seeks approval of the proposed discontinuance of signalized slide fences on the Birmingham Subdivision. The discontinuance would include the slide fence at Milepost (MP) 693.8, northbound signal at MP 697.1, and southbound signal at MP 691.9; slide fences at MP 701.6, 702.9, 703.2, 704.4, and 705.6, northbound signal at MP 706.8, and southbound signal at MP 699.9; slide fence at MP 718.0, northbound signal at MP 721.2, and southbound signal at MP 715.7; slide fences located at MP 724.4 and 724.5, northbound signal at MP 726.3, and southbound signal at MP 721.2.

The reasons given for the proposed changes is that there has been no slide activity affecting train operations since ATN began operations in 2005. The maximum authorized speed is 10 mph, with ATN crews operating at restricted speed, as outlined in General Code of Operating Rules 6.21, when a severe weather event is encountered during the course of duty. Maintenance-of-way employees also perform an inspection prior to trains operating in the area after a significant storm event. There are no passenger train operations in the area and freight trains average one train per day.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

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