

REPORTING BURDEN—Continued

CFR Section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours	Total annual burden cost
240.229—Requirement For Joint Operations Territory.	685 railroads	184 calls	5 minutes	15	705
240.303—Annual Op. Monitoring Obs ..	40,000 candidates	40,000 tests	2 hours	80,000	3,920,000
240.303—Annual Operational Observ ..	40,000 candidates	40,000 tests	1 hour	40,000	1,960,000
240.305—Eng. Notification of Non-Qualification.	40,000 candidates	10 notifications	5 minutes	1	47
240.305—Engineer Notice of Loss of Qualification.	40,000 candidates	2 letters	30 minutes	1	47
240.307—Rev. of Certification—Notice of Eng. Disqualification.	685 railroads	500 letters	1 hour	500	17,000
240.309—RR Oversight Resp.—RR Annual Review.	42 railroads	42 reviews	80 hours	3,360	188,160
240.309—RR Oversight Resp	15 railroads	10 annotations	15 minutes	3	147
240.401—Engineer Appeal to FRA	40,000 Engineers	97 petitions	12 hours	1,164	54,708
240.405—RR's Response to Appeal	685 railroads	97 responses	6 hours	582	28,518
240.407—Request For a Hearing	685 railroads and 40,000 Engineers.	16 Hearing requests ..	30 minutes	8	376
240.411—Appeals	685 railroads and 40,000 Engineers.	2 Appeal notices	2 hours	4	94

Total Responses: 164,568.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 204,313 hours.

Status: Regular Review.

Pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 3507(a) and 5 CFR 1320.5(b), 1320.8(b)(3)(vi), FRA informs all interested parties that it may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petitions for Waivers of Compliance

In accordance with Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 211.41, and 49 U.S.C. 20103, notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has received a request for waiver of compliance with certain requirements of the Federal railroad safety regulations. See also 49 CFR 211.7 and 211.9. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, and the nature of the relief being sought.

North County Transit District

[Docket Number FRA–2002–11809]

The North County Transit District (“NCTD”), located in Oceanside, California, seeks a permanent waiver of compliance from certain CFR Parts of Title 49, specifically: Part 210, Railroad Noise Emission Compliance Regulations; Part 217, Railroad Operating Rules; Part 218, Railroad Operating Practices; Part 219, Control of Alcohol and Drug Use; Part 221, Rear End Marking Devices—Passenger, Commuter and Freight Trains; Part 223, Safety Gazing Standards—Locomotives, Passenger Cars and Caboose; Part 225, Railroad Accidents/Incidents: Report Classification, and Investigations; Part 229, Railroad Locomotive Safety Standards; Part 231 Railroad Safety Appliance Standards; Part 238, Passenger Equipment Safety Standards; Part 239, Passenger Train Emergency Preparedness; and Part 240, Qualification and Certification of Locomotive Engineers.

NCTD seeks approval of shared track usage and waiver of certain FRA regulations involving planned light rail passenger operations on the same track with freight trains between Oceanside, CA and Escondido, CA (Oceanside-Escondido Rail Project). FRA will have jurisdiction over the 22-mile portion of the NCTD Oceanside-Escondido Rail Project that is also used for freight rail carrier service. The freight operator is The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF), and BNSF currently conducts operations over this trackage. NCTD proposes to operate light rail vehicles on the same track as

BNSF freight trains, but under temporal separation. See *Statement of Agency Policy Concerning Jurisdiction Over the Safety of Railroad Passenger Operations and Waivers Related to Shared Use of the Tracks of the General Railroad System by Light Rail and Conventional Equipment*, 65 FR 42529 (July 10, 2000). See also *Joint Statement of Agency Policy Concerning Shared Use of the Tracks of the General Railroad System by Conventional Railroads and Light Rail Transit Systems*, 65 FR 42626 (July 10, 2000).

Since FRA has not yet completed its investigation of NCTD’s petition, the agency takes no position at this time on the merits of NCTD’s stated justifications. As part of FRA’s review of the petition, the Federal Transit Administration will appoint a representative to advise FRA’s Safety Board, and that person will participate in the board’s consideration of NCTD’s waiver petition.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (Docket Number FRA 2002–11809) and must be submitted to the DOT Docket Management Facility, Room PL–401 (Plaza level) 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. All documents in the public docket, including NCTD’s detailed waiver request, are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility’s Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>. 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 to the extent

practicable. All written communications concerning this proceeding are available for examination during regular business hours (9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.) at the above-referenced facility.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for Waivers of Compliance

In accordance with 49 CFR 211.9 and 211.41, notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of the Federal safety laws and regulations. The 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.

Southern Indiana Railway, Inc.

[Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA–2002–11669]

Southern Indiana Railway, Inc. of Sellersburg, Indiana seeks a permanent waiver of compliance from the requirements of 49 CFR part 223 (Safety Glazing Standards) for two diesel-electric locomotives, SIND 103 and SIND 104. The subjects of this petition are Model S–3 locomotives built by American Locomotive Company (Alco) in 1950.

These locomotives are used on five (5) miles of single track through mostly rural or lightly populated areas, interchanging with CSX and the Louisville and Indiana Railroad. Southern Indiana Railway reports that they have never had an employee injury due to broken locomotive glazing and have no history of previous glazing related accidents or injuries. They describe the current glazing as single pane safety plate glass in good condition.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written reviews, 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–2002–11669) and must be submitted to the DOT Docket Management Facility, Room PL–401 (Plaza Level), 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, D.C. 20590. Communications received within 45 days from 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://dms.dot.gov>.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA 2001–9972 Formerly FRA Docket No. 87–2; Notice No. 14]

RIN 2130–AB20

Automatic Train Control (ATC) and Advanced Civil Speed Enforcement System (ACSES); Northeast Corridor (NEC) Railroads

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Amendments to Order of Particular Applicability Requiring ACSES Between New Haven, Connecticut and Boston, Massachusetts—Extension of Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA) and CSX Transportation (CSXT) Temporary Operating Protocols.

SUMMARY: FRA makes two amendments to its Order of Particular Applicability requiring all trains operating on the Northeast Corridor (NEC) between New Haven, Connecticut and Boston, Massachusetts (NEC—North End) to be equipped to respond to the new Advanced Civil Speed Enforcement System (ACSES). In these amendments, FRA extends previously granted exceptions that allowed MBTA and

CSXT to follow temporary operating protocols. For both MBTA and CSXT, the exceptions now run until July 1, 2002, to allow MBTA time to complete equipping its locomotives as required for ACSES service, and to allow CSXT time to complete testing of Amtrak-supplied software.

DATES: The amendments to the Order are effective March 27, 2002.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Order of Particular Applicability (Order), as published on July 22, 1998, set performance standards for cab signal/automatic train control and ACSES systems, increased certain maximum authorized train speeds, and contained safety requirements supporting improved rail service on the NEC. 63 FR 39343. Among other requirements, the Order required all trains operating on track controlled by the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) on the NEC—North End to be controlled by locomotives equipped to respond to ACSES by October 1, 1999. In six subsequent notices, FRA amended the Order to reset the implementation schedule and make technical changes. 64 FR 54410, October 6, 1999; 65 FR 62795, October 19, 2000; 66 FR 1718, January 9, 2001; 66 FR 34512, June 28, 2001; 66 FR 57771, November 16, 2001; and 67 FR 6753, February 12, 2002.

Background

FRA is making the amendments to this Order effective upon publication instead of 30 days after the publication date in order to realize the significant safety and transportation benefits afforded by the ACSES system at the earliest possible time. All affected parties have been notified.