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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2010-0100]

#### Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on December 10, 2020, Brownsville & Rio Grande International Railroad (BRG) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a modification to its waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR parts 232, Brake System Safety Standards for Freight and Other Non-Passenger Trains and Equipment; End-Of-Train Devices, and 215, Railroad Freight Car Safety Standards. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2010-0100.

Specifically, BRG seeks a modification to its waiver of compliance with certain requirements of 49 CFR part 215, and 49 CFR 232.205, *Class I Brake Test—Initial Terminal Inspection*. Presently, BRG's relief permits trains transferred by Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) from the US/Mexico border interchange with the Kansas City Southern de Mexico Railway (KCSM) at Brownsville, Texas, to move from BRG's interchange point with UP at milepost (MP) 4.48 to the BRG inspection point between MPs 8.0 and 9.0, where required FRA inspections are performed (see Docket Number FRA-2007-28340). Occasionally, trains destined for interchange to BRG are delayed at UP's Olmito Yard by additional Federal agency inspection activities. BRG is permitted to pick up trains at Olmito Yard (in lieu of the interchange point at MP 4.48) on those occasions and perform the required FRA inspections between MPs 8.0 and 9.0 in accordance with its present relief.

In its petition, BRG requests that the track covered under this waiver be extended an additional three miles through the end of the Palo Alto Subdivision, which terminates at MP 0.0, and onto BRG's South Lead, where the required inspections will be completed between MPs 2.0 and 3.0, as were previously completed between MPs 8.0 and 9.0 on the Palo Alto Subdivision. BRG states that it will

adhere to the same conditions outlined in FRA's decision letter dated December 18, 2017, at the proposed new inspection point.

In support of its petition, BRG states this waiver would help expedite any delays caused by required port of entry inspections and other unforeseen delays. The modification would provide capacity to process two inbound trains back-to-back, allowing for more efficient use of bridge windows. Trains from the KCSM Matamoros Yard to the Port of Brownsville (Port) travel less than 25 miles. BRG further states that its request will facilitate international trade between the United States and Mexico by allowing inbound trains to go directly to the Port. The Port is a more secure location to inspect the incoming trains, and operational efficiencies are gained by moving the cars directly into the serving yard. BRG states that the change will support the ongoing extensive growth in the Rio Grande Valley.

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).

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 parties desire 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 by any of the following methods:

- **Website:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- **Fax:** 202-493-2251.
- **Mail:** Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- **Hand Delivery:** 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received by March 15, 2021 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our

dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See also <https://www.regulations.gov/privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2010-0017]

#### Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on January 15, 2021, the Burlington Junction Railway (BJRY) 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 223, Safety Glazing Standards. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2010-0017.

Specifically, BJRY, a Class III railroad, seeks to renew its waiver of compliance from 49 CFR 223.11, *Requirements for existing locomotives*, for one 60-ton, 500 horsepower diesel-electric locomotive numbered BJRY 3238. This locomotive was built for the United States Army by Baldwin Locomotive Works in November 1953.

BJRY operates this locomotive in terminal/switching service at Rochelle, Illinois, where BJRY interchanges with both Union Pacific Railroad Company and BNSF Railway Company. BJRY 3238 operates on other-than-main track at speeds not exceeding 10 miles per hour. The locomotive is equipped with safety laminate glass (AS-1, AS-2) and is serviced and maintained by BJRY at Rochelle, Illinois.

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).

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2021-0011]

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

Under part 235 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), this document provides the public notice that on January 14, 2021, Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval to discontinue or modify a signal system. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2021-0011.

**Applicant:** Union Pacific Railroad Company, Gregory M. Richardson, General Director—Train Control Systems, 1400 Douglas Street—MS 0480, Omaha, NE 68179.

Specifically, UP requests permission to discontinue all automatic train control (ATC) and automatic cab signal (ACS) systems in service on UP on a segment-by-segment basis, commensurate with progress on completion of work to equip certain hand-operated switches in ATC/ACS territories as described in a plan submitted to FRA in December 2019. UP states that plan described the nature of the work and the safety benefits provided, and it was acknowledged by FRA in June 2020. UP explains a detailed schedule of this work is provided to FRA monthly under separate correspondence, and the work is planned to be completed during 2021.

UP states the reason for discontinuance is that the operation of positive train control (PTC) in conjunction with both the equipping of non-electrically locked switches for PTC communication and the promulgation of operating rules governing operations in the case of PTC failures provide a level of safety exceeding that provided solely by the use of ATC/ACS systems. Since 2017, pursuant to provisions of the waiver in Docket Number FRA-2016-0108, UP has operated PTC in lieu of ATC/ACS in certain territories. Due to that waiver, the existing ATC and ACS systems have been largely unutilized for some time.

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).

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 parties desire 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2021-0010]

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

Under part 235 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and 49 U.S.C.