

services at the Port of Morehead City, North Carolina.

The petitioner indicates that granting the exemption is in the public interest and will not adversely affect safety. Additionally, the petitioner asserts it employs not more than 15 employees and has demonstrated good cause for granting this exemption.

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 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 1998-4566) and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401 (Plaza Level), 400 7th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590. Communications received within 30 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 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

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for continuation of a waiver of compliance with provisions of the Hours of Service Law (108 Stat. 888, Pub. L. 103-272, 49 U.S.C. 21102(b)). The Hours of Service Law currently makes it unlawful for a railroad to require specified employees to remain

on duty in excess of 12 hours. However, the Hours of Service Law contains a provision permitting a railroad, which employs not more than 15 employees subject to the statute, to seek an exemption from the 12 hour limitation.

Central Montana Rail, Incorporated (CMR)

[Waiver Petition Docket No. FRA-2000-7200]

CMR seeks a continuation of a previously issued exemption so that it may permit certain employees to remain on duty not more than 16 hours in any 24-hour period. CMR states that it is not its intention to employ a train crew over 12 hours per day under normal circumstances, but this exemption, if granted, would help its operation if unusual operating conditions are encountered. CMR provides service over 87 miles of trackage between Moccasin Junction and Geraldine, Montana.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for a continued waiver of compliance with provisions of the Hours of Service Law (108 Stat. 888, Pub. L. 103-272, 49 U.S.C. 21102(b)). The Hours of Service Law currently makes it unlawful for a railroad to require specified employees to remain on duty in excess of 12 hours. However, the Hours of Service Law contains a provision permitting a railroad, which employs not more than 15 employees subject to the statute, to seek an exemption from the 12 hour limitation.

Pioneer Valley Railroad (PVRR)

[Waiver Petition Docket No. FRA-2000-7094]

The PVRR seeks to continue its exemption so that it may permit train crew employees to remain on duty not more than 16 hours in any 24-hour period. The PVRR states that it is not its intention to employ a train crew over 12 hours per day under normal circumstances, but this exemption, if continued, would help its operation if unusual operating conditions are encountered. The PVRR provides service on over 16.9 miles of trackage wholly within the state of Massachusetts with headquarters in Westfield, Massachusetts.

The petitioner indicates that granting the exemption is in the public interest and will not adversely affect safety. Additionally, the petitioner asserts it employs not more than 15 employees and has demonstrated good cause for granting this exemption.

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 should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.