

preliminary studies, it is expected that the avoidance alternatives considered in the SEIS will include one or more alignments that would shift the project to the north, resulting in additional connections to US 219, WV Route 32, and WV Route 93 in the vicinity of the towns of Thomas and Davis.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate federal, state, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have expressed or are known to have an interest in this proposal.

To ensure the full range of issues related to the proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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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 waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual 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 favour of relief.

Finger Lakes Railway Corporation

[Docket Number FRA-2001-10215]

The Finger Lakes Railway Corporation seeks a waiver of compliance from the requirements of the Safety Glazing Standards-Passenger Car, 49 CFR 223.15, which requires all windows be FRA certified Glazing and a minimum of four emergency windows. The petitioner requests the waiver for four cars recently purchased from Via Rail

Canada, Inc. The coaches were built between 1954 and 1956, and were equipped with tempered glazing which met the Canadian glazing requirements. The coaches would be utilized in charter service in the rural Finger Lakes Region of New York State. Finger Lakes Railway Corporation anticipates the charter trips to be 15 to 20 miles in length and operated at a speed not to exceed 15 miles per-hour.

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 FRA-2001-10215) and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room P1-401, Washington, DC 20590.

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 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 a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual 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 favour of relief.

Little Kanawha River Railroad Corporation

[Docket Number FRA-2001-10669]

Marietta Industrial Enterprises, Inc., of Marietta, OH, has petitioned on behalf of the Little Kanawha River Rail (LKRR) for a permanent waiver of compliance for one locomotive from the requirements of the Locomotive Safety Standards, 49 CFR Part 229.23, which requires the time interval between periodic inspections not exceed 92 days. The petitioner indicates that the locomotive is used in switching service over a 2.5 mile short line at a speed not to exceed 10 mph. They state that the locomotive is used an average of 29 hours a week and would like to extend the 92 day periodic requirement to 184 days.

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 FRA-2001-10669) and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room P1-401, Washington, DC. 20590.

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 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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