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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 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 by letter dated April 14, 2025, NJT petitioned FRA seeking approval to discontinue or modify a signal system. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2025-0056.

Specifically, NJT requests to convert the existing traffic control system (TCS) with cab signals and fixed automatic block signals to a TCS with cab signals and no fixed automatic block signals. The subject area on the Morristown Line, from milepost (MP) 2.7 to 5.7, is owned by NJT but Norfolk Southern Corporation (NS) and Morristown & Erie Railway, Inc. (M&E) operate freight service on the trackage.<sup>1</sup> NJT states that all existing interlocking home signals will be retained, and trains that may experience a failed cab signal will be protected by absolute blocking.

In support of its request, NJT submits that removal of the signals will reduce train delays caused by the failure of signals and improve employee safety by reducing the need to climb on signal bridges for maintenance.

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 party desires 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.

Communications received by August 11, 2025 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

#### Privacy Act

Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of FRA's 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/privacy-notice> 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-2015-0011]

#### Notice of Petition for Extension of Waiver of Compliance

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document provides the public notice that the Commuter Rail Division of the Regional Transportation Authority (Metra) petitioned FRA to extend relief related to Metra's participation in FRA's Confidential Close Call Reporting System (C<sup>3</sup>RS) Program.

**DATES:** FRA must receive comments on the petition by August 11, 2025. FRA will consider comments received after that date to the extent practicable.

#### ADDRESSES:

*Comments:* Comments related to this docket may be submitted by going to <https://www.regulations.gov> and following the online instructions for submitting comments.

*Instructions:* All submissions must include the agency name and docket number. All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>; this includes any personal information. Please see the Privacy Act heading in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document for Privacy Act information related to any submitted comments or materials.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for accessing the docket.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by letter received on April 4, 2025, Metra petitioned FRA for an extension of a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 240 (Qualification and Certification of Locomotive Engineers) and part 242 (Qualification and Certification of Conductors). FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2015-0011.

Specifically, Metra requests an extension of the relief required to continue its participation in FRA's C<sup>3</sup>RS Program. Metra seeks to continue shielding reporting employees from mandatory punitive sanctions that would otherwise arise as provided in §§ 240.117(e)(1)-(4); 240.305(a)(1)-(4) and (a)(6); 240.307; 242.403(b), (c), (e)(1)-(4), (e)(6)-(11), (f)(1)-(2); and 242.407. The C<sup>3</sup>RS Program encourages certified operating crew members to report close calls and protects the employees and the railroad from discipline or sanctions arising from the incidents reported per the C<sup>3</sup>RS Implementing Memorandum of Understanding (IMOU). The IMOU includes Metra's operating company, the Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation and several participating labor unions.

In support of its request, Metra states that it has made many safety improvements since the waiver was last extended, including clarification on working limits by revising bulletins, increased trend analysis, and a revised handbook for determining urgency for corrective action.

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<sup>1</sup> NJT filed the application jointly with the concurrence of both NS and M&E.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2010-0001]

#### Notice of Petition for Extension of Waiver of Compliance

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document provides the public notice that Santa Cruz Big Trees & Pacific Railroad (SCBG) petitioned FRA for an extension of relief from certain regulations concerning stenciling and reflectorization of rail cars.

**DATES:** FRA must receive comments on the petition by August 11, 2025. FRA will consider comments received after that date to the extent practicable.

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#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by letters received May 19, 2025, and June 26, 2025, SCBG petitioned FRA for an extension of a special approval pursuant to 49 CFR part 215 (Railroad Freight Car Safety Standards), and a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained in parts 215 and 224 (Reflectorization of Rail Freight Rolling Stock). The relevant Docket Number is FRA-2010-0001.

Specifically, SCBG requests to extend the previous special approval pursuant to § 215.203, *Restricted cars*, in this docket for eight cars (SCBG 501-504 and SCBG 701-705) that are more than 50 years from the dates of original construction. SCBG also seeks extended relief from § 215.303, *Stenciling of restricted cars*, and the reflectorization requirements of part 224. In support of its request, SCBG explains that the cars will be used in excursion service, during the daytime, and at a maximum speed of 10 miles per hour. Further, SCBG explains this is "an insular rail line with no interchange of other railways" and the cars will only be operated on SCBG track and a one-mile section of Santa Cruz County RTC joint track.

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-1999-6254]

#### Notice of Petition for Extension and Modification of Waiver of Compliance

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document provides the public notice that the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (SCVTA) petitioned FRA to extend an existing waiver of certain regulations related to a shared use property. SCVTA additionally seeks to modify the existing waiver.

**DATES:** FRA must receive comments on the petition by August 11, 2025. FRA will consider comments received after that date to the extent practicable.

#### ADDRESSES:

*Comments:* Comments related to this docket may be submitted by going to <https://www.regulations.gov> and following the online instructions for submitting comments.