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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2021-0024]

#### Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on February 1, 2021, Sandersville Railroad Company (SAN) 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 237, Bridge Safety Standards. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2021-0024.

Specifically, SAN seeks relief from the requirements of 49 CFR 237.31, *Adoption of bridge management programs*. SAN's requested relief would include continuing the use of a scale inspector rather than a railroad bridge inspector for annual bridge inspections.

SAN owns and operates 35 miles of track and has one railroad bridge, which is a weigh-in-motion scale with a maximum authorized speed of 6 miles per hour. The scale provides accurate weights for customers using SAN's sidings and for Norfolk Southern Corporation (NS) to ensure it does not exceed weight restrictions for its intended routes or railcar weight limits. No railcars containing hazardous materials operate over the scale. SAN claims the scale was designed to meet American Railway Engineering and Maintenance-of-Way Association, Association of American Railroads, and Cooper E-80 design specifications.

SAN states that an NS railroad scale inspector inspects the scale annually and provides a report that details any structural deficiencies found that could jeopardize the safety of the scale. SAN believes that its current method of inspection, which has been in place for twenty years, provides a more knowledgeable and less costly inspection than would be required by 49 CFR part 237.

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 April 8, 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/>

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2021-0020]

#### Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on January 26, 2021, Norfolk Southern Corporation (NS), 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 236, Rules, Standards, and Instructions Governing the Installation, Inspection, Maintenance, and Repair of Signal and Train Control Systems, Devices, and Appliances. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2021-0020.

Specifically, NS requests relief from 49 CFR 236.566, *Locomotive of each train operating in train stop, train control or cab signal territory; equipped*. The relief is requested for the Morrisville Line in the Keystone Division, from control point (CP) John milepost (MP) MV 4.7 to CP King MP MV 30.1. NS seeks to operate positive train control (PTC) equipped locomotives, that are not equipped with cab signal system equipment, in cab signal system territory.

PTC-equipped locomotives are to be used in switching, transfer service, with or without cars, manifest trains, work trains, wreck trains, ballast cleaners to and from work, and engines and rail diesel cars moving to and from shops, with all movements made at timetable speed. If a PTC-equipped locomotive experiences an en route failure, then 49 CFR 236.1029, *PTC system use and failures*, would apply.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at <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