

carrier and that its revenues will not exceed \$5 million.

Under 49 CFR 1150.32(b), a change in operator exemption requires that notice be given to shippers. Midcoast states that it provided notice to shippers on the Line by serving them with a copy of the verified notice, as indicated in the certificate of service.

The transaction may be consummated on or after September 8, 2021, the effective date of the exemption.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than September 1, 2021 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36531, should be filed with the Surface Transportation Board via e-filing on the Board's website. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Midcoast's representative, Eric M. Hocky, Clark Hill PLC, Two Commerce Square, 2001 Market St., Suite 2620, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

According to Midcoast, this action is categorically excluded from historic preservation reporting requirements under 49 CFR 1105.8(b) and from environmental reporting requirements under 49 CFR 1105.6(c).

Board decisions and notices are available at www.stb.gov.

Decided: August 20, 2021.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Aretha Laws-Byrum,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2021-0076]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on July 8, 2021, the Long Island Rail Road Company (LIRR) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR parts 239 (Passenger Train Emergency Preparedness); 240 (Qualification and Certification of

Locomotive Engineers); and 242 (Qualification and Certification of Conductors). FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2021-0076.

LIRR requests an extension of the relief that was granted to the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), on behalf of its member railroads, by letter dated September 18, 2020, from certain regulations pertaining to training.¹ Specifically, LIRR refers to pages 10-11 of the FRA decision letter in Docket Number FRA-2020-0060, regarding relief from recurrent/refresher training requirements for parts 239, 240, and 242.

LIRR requests relief for approximately 30 "higher level Transportation Department employees." LIRR states that it has had to limit classroom capacity for its training sessions because of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic and states that it has a training backlog. Although LIRR expects to eliminate this backlog for some groups of employees by September 18, 2021, when the APTA relief expires, LIRR asserts that it does not have the necessary classroom or instructor availability to catch up on training its Transportation Department higher-level employees by that date. Instead, LIRR seeks an extension to permit recurrent/refresher training of such employees to occur by December 31, 2021.

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

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Communications received by September 9, 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), the U.S. Department of Transportation (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, 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.

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John Karl Alexy,

Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety,
Chief Safety Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2021-0083]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on August 10, 2021, Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis (Terminal Railroad) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR parts 240 (Qualification and Certification of Locomotive Engineers); and 242 (Qualification and Certification of Conductors). FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2021-0083.

Terminal Railroad requests an extension of the relief that was granted to the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRRA), on behalf of its member railroads, by letter dated September 18, 2020, from certain regulations pertaining to vision and hearing acuity.¹ Specifically, Terminal Railroad notes it seeks relief from engineer and conductor certification requirements in 49 CFR 240.121, *Criteria for vision and hearing acuity data*, and 242.117, *Vision and hearing acuity*.

Terminal Railroad states that it has performed multiple searches to locate a clinic to perform vision and hearing acuity testing as required by §§ 240.121

¹ See <https://www.regulations.gov/document/FRA-2020-0060-0005>.

¹ See <https://www.regulations.gov/document/FRA-2020-0063-0003>.

and 242.117, but it currently has only one clinic available. Terminal Railroad states that the increase in coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) cases and the possibility of increased state restrictions may limit clinic use further.

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

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Communications received by September 9, 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), the U.S. Department of Transportation (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, 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 [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2020-0059]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on August 11, 2021, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for an extension of an existing waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR parts 213, 214, 217, 218, 220, 228, 232, 236, 240, 242, and 243. The relevant Docket Number is FRA-2020-0059.

AAR, on behalf of itself and its member railroads, requests to extend certain temporary, conditional relief FRA previously granted by letter dated September 18, 2020, related to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency. See <https://www.regulations.gov/document/FRA-2020-0059-0004>.

In support of its petition, AAR notes that the FRA Administrator's March 13, 2020, Declaration of Emergency Situation related to COVID-19 remains in effect. AAR also references statements from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) related to the B.1.617.2 ("Delta") variant of COVID-19. Specifically, AAR notes that the CDC has reported data showing increased COVID-19 positive tests and hospitalizations. AAR further notes that some railroads have recently begun reporting an increase in the number of positive COVID-19 employee tests and asserts that "the continuation of certain waivers is essential to the Railroads' ability to continue to protect their workforce and their critical mission."

AAR requests that FRA extend the existing relief previously granted in FRA's September 18, 2020, letter with the exception of the relief related to the operational testing requirements of 49 CFR 217.9 and related sections.

AAR requests that FRA extend the existing relief for another 12 months, or three months after the FRA Administrator's rescission of the existing COVID-19 Emergency Declaration, whichever is sooner.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov (Docket Number FRA-2020-0059).

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. 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 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Communications received by September 9, 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), the U.S. Department of Transportation (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, 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 [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2020-0060]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on August 19, 2021, the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for an extension of an existing waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR parts 213, 214, 217, 218, 220, 225, 228, 229, 232, 234, 236, 240, 242, and 243. The relevant Docket Number is FRA-2020-0060.

APTA, on behalf of its member railroads, requests to extend certain temporary, conditional relief FRA