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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2017-0107]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this provides the public notice that on October 6, 2017, the Vermilion Valley Railroad (VVR) 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 223, *Safety Glazing Standards*. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2017-0107.

Specifically, VVR has petitioned FRA for a waiver of compliance from 49 CFR 223.11, *Requirements for existing locomotives*, for two of its locomotives, IBCX 4210 and IBCX 4214. Both of these units are EMD F 9 units and were built in 1956 for the Erie Mining Company in Minnesota. These units have been used exclusively in private iron ore operations and were never required to be FRA compliant. They were saved from scrapping in 2015 by the Indiana Boxcar Corporation, which is the parent company of VVR.

VVR operates in a mostly rural area from Olin, IN to an interchange point with CSX in Danville, IL, with a 10 miles-per-hour maximum operating speed. VVR states that the glass on the two locomotives is in good condition and retrofitting of the locomotives would be costly. In addition, VVR states that retrofitting of the locomotives with compliant glazing would compromise the historical appearance by eliminating the “roll down” side windows and opening vent windows. VVR further states that while the two units will be part of its freight locomotive fleet, their use will be sporadic and the units will primarily be used for photographs and special occasions.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation’s (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2011-0002]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this provides the public notice that on September 27, 2017, CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSX) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 231. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2011-0002.

CSX is requesting a five-year renewal of its waiver to operate RailRunner® Equipment. The original relief was granted under this docket on December 20, 2011. CSX allowed the relief to expire on December 20, 2016, due to lack of business opportunities. Granting this request would give CSX approval to operate RailRunner® equipment in

stand-alone dedicated RailRunner®-only trains, and the operation of RailRunner® equipment commingled with RoadRailer® trains/equipment. CSX has not operated RailRunner® equipment in any capacity to date, but is requesting renewal of this waiver should an operations opportunity be presented. In order to operate RailRunner® equipment, CSX seeks relief from provisions of the Railroad Safety Appliance Standards in 49 CFR part 231 that stipulate the number, location, and dimensions for handholds, ladders, sill steps, uncoupling levers, and handbrakes. CSX also seeks relief from 49 CFR 231.1, which sets the standard height for drawbars. CSX states that this relief is necessary to allow it to operate and commingle the RoadRailer® and RailRunner® equipment on dedicated trains. A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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[Docket Number FRA-2017-0104]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this provides the public notice that on October 2, 2017, Caltrain 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 238. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2017-0104.

Caltrain operates commuter rail passenger service throughout California's Peninsula corridor from San Francisco to Gilroy under the auspices of the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB). In this petition, Caltrain seeks a waiver of compliance from a portion of 49 CFR 238.113(a)(2), *Emergency window exits*, for the Caltrain Electric Multiple Unit (EMU) restroom car. The Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant restroom facility extends from the exterior side door to nearly the centerline of the car, thus precluding the placement of the emergency window exit in this quadrant of the car in the lower main level. Caltrain believes the intent of the emergency window requirement is met, since the position of the window provides the closest practical fulfillment of the location requirements, without otherwise

compromising access to either the emergency window exit or the ADA restroom facility. Additionally, passengers have ready access to the exterior side door with a clear opening of 51 inches. However, since the design does not meet the literal interpretation of "each end (half) of the car," Caltrain is requesting a waiver of this requirement for this restroom car.

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