

same report will be maintained in the cab of the locomotive.

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.

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2. *Fax:* 202-493-2251.

3. *Mail:* Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.

4. *Hand Delivery:* 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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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) has received a request for a waiver of compliance from 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 favor of relief.

Ashtabula, Carson & Jefferson Railroad

[Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2009-0089]

The Ashtabula, Carson & Jefferson Railroad (ACJR) of Jefferson City, Ohio, has petitioned for a permanent waiver of compliance for one locomotive (ACJR 7371) from the requirements of the Railroad Safety Glazing Standards, Title 49 CFR Part 223, which require certified glazing in all windows. The locomotive is equipped with Plexiglas-type safety glazing that is in good condition, clear and un-scratched.

ACJR operates over 6.3 miles of track running from the industrial area of an Ohio village through level farm lands and wooded areas to its interchange, which is also located in a rural area at speeds not exceeding ten miles per hour. ACJR states that there has been no instance of vandalism in 25 years of its operations. ACJR further states that the expense of retrofitting the locomotive to comply with FRA Safety Glazing Standards would impose an undue financial burden that ACJR cannot bear at this time. 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.

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[Docket Number FRA-2009-0111]

Notice of Petition for Waiver of Compliance and Scheduling of Public Hearing Association of American Railroads

In accordance with part 211 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides notice that the Association of American Railroads (AAR) has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain requirements of 49 CFR parts 234 and 236, as detailed below. FRA has assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2009-0111.

AAR seeks a waiver on behalf of its member railroads from the monthly inspections and test requirements for signal systems set forth at 49 CFR 234.249, 234.251, 234.253, 234.255,