DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

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) received a request for a waiver of compliance with 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.

Michigan Southern Railroad Company, Incorporated

[Waiver Petition Docket Number: RSGM–97–1]

Michigan Southern Railroad Company, Incorporated, seeks a permanent waiver of compliance from certain sections of 49 CFR Part 223.11(a), Safety Glazing Standards, for three locomotives. The locomotives, LN16, SW–8 type, built 1952 and placed in service November 21, 1995; MS 78, an Alco S–2, built 1950 and placed in service on July 25, 1994; and 7804, an Alco RS–3, built 1952 and placed in service on November 14, 1996, have had no accidents, incidents or injuries to employees since being placed in service.

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.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number [e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number RSGM–97–1] and must be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Clerk, Office of Chief Counsel, FRA, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.) at FRA's temporary docket room located at 1120 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Room 7051, Washington, D.C. 20005.

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Northern Central Railway, Incorporated

[Waiver Petition Docket Number: RSGM–96–9]

Northern Central Railway, Incorporated, (NCR) seeks a permanent waiver of compliance with the Safety Glazing Standards, 49 CFR Part 223.9(a), certified glazing, for its ALCO locomotive, RSD–5, #1689, built in 1955. NCR is a Class III shortline railroad located in New Freedom, Pennsylvania, which operates dinner train passenger excursions from New Freedom to Hyde Siding, approximately three miles south of York, Pennsylvania. Currently, the maximum track speed on the line is 15 mph, but most trains are operated at substantially slower speeds of 3 to 7 mph for approximately three days per week. NCR states that its primary purpose of operation is for dinner train passenger excursions and some potential freight service. No vandalism has been reported.

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.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number [e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number RSGM–96–9] and must be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Clerk, Office of Chief Counsel, FRA, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.) at FRA's temporary docket room located at 1120 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Room 7051, Washington, D.C. 20005.

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Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority

[Waiver Petition Docket Number H–97–2]

The Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) seeks a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Railroad Locomotive Safety Standards, 49 CFR Section 229.29, for its 304 MU locomotives. Specifically, SEPTA wants to extend the required time intervals for cleaning, repairing, and testing of MU locomotive brake equipment from 736 days to 1104 days.

SEPTA believes that granting this waiver will in no way diminish the safety of its operations and base its opinion on the following declarations:

- All of the major components of (or components virtually identical to) SEPTA's MU brake systems are being used successfully with 3 or 4 year clean, oil, test, and stencil (COT&S) intervals on the National Railroad Passenger Corporation, New Jersey Transit, and freight railroads.