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.

The Longhorn Railway Company

[Waiver Petition Docket Number RSGM–98–2]

The Longhorn Railway Company (LHRR) seeks a permanent waiver of compliance with the Safety Glazing Standards, 49 CFR 223.11(c), which requires certified glazing in all locomotive windows, except those locomotives used in yard service. The LHRR seeks this waiver for locomotive number ECRX 8. The locomotive, a GP7 was built in 1965 and re-built in March 1997, and was never equipped with FRA certified glazing. The locomotive operator indicates that the locomotive will be utilized between the Union Pacific interchange at McNeil, Elgin, and Giddings, Texas, and Burlington Northern Santa Fe at Elgin, Texas, through Central Texas from Giddings to Liano approximately 162 miles.

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 written communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number RSGM–98–2) 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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