and color-light signal indications, approach locking (if external) to verify correct and intended inputs and outputs from the processor are maintained.

Alternative locking test descriptions and procedures would be documented in Carriers Signal Maintenance Standards.

Applicant's justification for relief: The 2-year testing interval at microprocessor controlled signal locations places an unnecessary burden on the carrier and provides no real safety benefit as the application program logic once installed does not change.

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 FRA–2009–0116) and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Web site: http://www.regulations.gov.* Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 202–493–2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., W12–140, Washington, DC 20590.
- *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.

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 a.m.–5 p.m.) at the above facility. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's Web site at *http://www.regulations.gov.*

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the document (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, *etc.*). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477) or at *http://www.dot.gov/privacy.html.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Notice To Rescind Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement: Polk County, IA

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Iowa DOT, Polk County.

ACTION: Rescind Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement

SUMMARY: The FHWA, Iowa DOT and Polk County are issuing this notice to advise the public that the NOI to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for improvements for a proposed roadway project in Polk County, Iowa.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael La Pietra, Environment and Realty Manager, FHWA Iowa Division Office, 105 Sixth Street, Ames, IA 50010, Phone 515–233–7302; or James P. Rost, Director, Office of Location and Environment, Iowa Department of Transportation, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, IA 50010, Phone 515–239–1798.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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Background

The FHWA, in cooperation with the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT) and Polk County had a NOI published in the **Federal Register** on May 5, 2006 (Volume 71, Number 87) to complete an environmental impact statement for roadway improvements in Polk County, Iowa. On June 1, 2009 a second NOI was published in the **Federal Register** (Volume 74, Number 103) modifying the EIS to a tiered document.

Due to issues pertaining to cost and scheduling of the project, the above mentioned notices will be rescinded, and a corridor study will be completed instead. Appropriate environmental documents will be completed in the future when and if the project proceeds.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

(**Authority:** 23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48).

Dated: December 14, 2009.

Lubin M. Quinones,

Division Administrator, FHWA, Iowa Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 35332]

Grainbelt Corporation—Trackage Rights Exemption—BNSF Railway Company and Stillwater Central Railroad Company

Pursuant to written trackage rights agreements dated October 16, 2009 and November 1, 2009, respectively, BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) and Stillwater Central Railroad Company (SLWC), have each agreed to grant