234.257, 234.261, 236.382, and 236.576. AAR seeks explicit authorization for its members to conduct the inspections and tests required by these regulatory provisions at intervals of up to 35 days, as opposed to at least once each month. A copy of AAR's full petition is available for review online at *http://www.regulations.gov.*

Because the time frames for conducting various inspections and tests required by 49 CFR parts 234 and 236 (including the sections at issue in AAR's waiver petition) have been the subject of much discussion in the industry over the last several years and also the subject of previous waiver requests, FRA believes holding a public hearing on the issues presented by AAR's petition would be beneficial. Accordingly, FRA invites all interested persons to participate in a public hearing addressing the time frames of the tests and inspections that are the subject of AAR's request.

DATES: (1) *Public Hearing:* A public hearing will be held on February 10, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. in Washington DC.

(2) *Comments:* Interested parties may submit comments relevant to this waiver request and/or issues discussed at the hearing to the address noted below. Such written material should be submitted by March 12, 2010. Comments submitted after that date will be considered to the extent possible.

ADDRESSES: (1) *Public Hearing:* The public hearing will be held at the Marriott Washington Wardman Park, 2660 Woodley Road, NW., Washington, DC, 20008.

(2) *Attendance:* Any persons wishing to make a statement at the hearing should notify FRA's Docket Clerk, Michelle Silva, by telephone, e-mail, or in writing, at least 5 business days before the date of the hearing. Ms. Silva's contact information is as follows: FRA, Office of Chief Counsel, Mail Stop 10, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590; telephone 202–493–6030; e-mail *michelle.silva@dot.gov.* For information on facilities or services for persons with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Ms. Silva by telephone or e-mail as soon as possible.

(3) *Comments:* Anyone wishing to file a comment related to this waiver petition or issues raised at the hearing should refer to FRA Docket Number FRA–2009–0111. You may submit your comments and related material by any of the following methods:

- *Internet: 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:* Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 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.

All written communications submitted in response to this notice will be available for examination at the above-facility during regular business hours (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and download 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 comment (or signing the comment, 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 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477–78).

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Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA–2009–0040]

Notice of Public Hearing; Western New York & Pennsylvania Railroad

The Western New York & Pennsylvania Railroad (WNYP) has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval of the proposed discontinuance and removal of the traffic control signal system between milepost (MP) BR134.0 at North Driftwood, PA, and MP BR44.5 at Machias, NY, on the WNYP Buffalo Line.

This proceeding is identified as FRA block signal application Docket Number FRA–2009–0040. A copy of WNYP's full petition is available for review online at *http://www.regulations.gov* under the docket number identified above.

FRA has conducted a field investigation in this matter and has issued a public notice seeking comments from interested parties. *See* 74 FR 23466 (May 19, 2009). After examining the carrier's proposal and the available facts, FRA has determined that a public hearing is necessary before a final decision is made on this proposal. Accordingly, FRA invites all interested persons to participate in a public hearing on February 3, 2010. The hearing will be conducted at the Allegany Community Center and Firemen's Park, 188 West Main Street, Allegany, New York 14706. The hearing will begin at 9 a.m. Interested parties are invited to present oral statements at the hearing. For information on facilities or services for persons with disabilities or to request special assistance at the hearing, contact FRA's Docket Clerk, Michelle Silva, by telephone, e-mail, or in writing, at least 5 business days before the date of the hearing. Ms. Silva's contact information is as follows: FRA, Office of Chief Counsel, Mail Stop 10, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590; telephone: 202–493–6030; e-mail: *michelle.silva@dot.gov.*

The hearing will be informal and conducted in accordance with Rule 25 of the FRA Rules of Practice (49 CFR 211.25) by a representative designated by FRA. The hearing will be a non-adversary proceeding; therefore, there will be no cross-examination of persons presenting statements. An FRA representative will make an opening statement outlining the scope of the hearing. After all initial statements have been completed, those persons wishing to make brief rebuttal statements will be given the opportunity to do so in the same order in which they made their initial statements. Additional procedures, if necessary for the conduct of the hearing, will be announced at the hearing.

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Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

Release of Waybill Data

The Surface Transportation Board has received a request from Baker & Miller PLLC on behalf of the Kansas City Southern (WB595–7—11/12/09), for

permission to use certain data from the Board's 2008 Carload Waybill Samples. A copy of this request may be obtained from the Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration.

The waybill sample contains confidential railroad and shipper data; therefore, if any parties object to these requests, they should file their objections with the Director of the Board's Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration within 14 calendar days of the date of this notice. The rules for release of waybill data are codified at 49 CFR 1244.9.

Contact: Scott Decker, (202) 245–0330.

Jeffrey Herzig,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

Application for Conversion From: (a) OTS–Regulated, State-Chartered Savings Association to Federal Savings Association; (b) National Bank, Commercial Bank, State Savings Bank, or Credit Union to Federal Savings Association; (c) State Mutual Holding Company to a Federal Mutual Holding Company

AGENCY: Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507. The Office of Thrift Supervision within the Department of the Treasury will submit the proposed information collection requirement described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. Today, OTS is soliciting public comments on its proposal to extend this information collection.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before March 5, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referring to the collection by title of the proposal or by OMB approval number, to Information Collection Comments, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552; send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906–6518; or send an e-mail to *infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov*. OTS will post comments and the related index on the OTS Internet Site at *http://www.ots.treas.gov*. In addition, interested persons may inspect comments at the Public Reading Room, 1700 G Street, NW., by appointment. To make an appointment, call (202) 906–5922, send an e-mail to *public.info@ots.treas.gov*, or send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906–7755.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You can request additional information about this proposed information collection from Donald W. Dwyer (202) 906–6414, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OTS may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and respondents are not required to respond to an information collection, unless the information collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. As part of the approval process, we invite comments on the following information collection.

Comments should address one or more of the following points:

a. Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of OTS;

b. The accuracy of OTS's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection;

c. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

d. Ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of information technology.

We will summarize the comments that we receive and include them in the OTS request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this notice, OTS is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection.

Title of Proposal: Application for Conversion from: (1) OTS–Regulated, State-Chartered Savings Association to Federal Saving Association; (b) National Bank, State Savings Bank, or Credit Union to Federal Savings Association; (c) State Mutual Holding Company to a Federal Mutual Holding Company.

OMB Number: 1550–0007.

Form Numbers: OTS–1582.

Regulation requirement: 12 CFR Part 516, 543, and 552.

Description: The application is reviewed to determine whether it meets applicable eligibility requirements for conversion and complies with applicable OTS policies. Applications are also reviewed to determine whether special conditions are needed to establish the institution's authority to continue activities or investments permitted under state law but not authorized for a Federal association.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6.

Estimated Burden Hours per Responses: 4 hours.

Estimated Frequency of Response: Other.

Estimated Total Burden: 24 hours.

Dated: December 28, 2009.

Ira L. Mills,

Paperwork Clearance Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision.

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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Notice of Determinations on the PURPA Standards Set Forth in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007

AGENCY: Tennessee Valley Authority.

ACTION: Notice of Determinations on the PURPA Standards set forth in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.

SUMMARY: At its meeting on November 19, 2009, in Bowling Green, Kentucky, the TVA Board made its determinations on the PURPA Standards set forth in the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95–617) (PURPA), as amended by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110–140) (EISA). The standards considered are listed in subsections 111(d)(16) through (19) of PURPA, as amended by EISA. The TVA Board considered the standards in accordance with PURPA and the objectives and requirements of the Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933, *as amended*, 16 U.S.C. 831–831ee (2006 & Supp. I 2007) (TVA Act).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Veenita Bisaria, Tennessee Valley Authority, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37902, (865) 632–3939.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: PURPA, as amended by EISA, requires TVA to consider adopting for itself and the distributors of TVA power four new PURPA standards. These four standards are identified as Integrated Resource Planning, Rate Design Modifications to