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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2018-0005]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this provides the public notice that on January 2, 2018, the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 238, *Passenger Equipment Safety Standards*. FRA assigned the petition docket number FRA-2018-0005.

Amtrak plans to lease two articulated Series 8 trainsets from Tren Articulado Ligerio Goicoechea Oriol (Talgo) to support its Cascade intercity service. The Cascade service operates between Eugene, OR and Vancouver, BC. The service uses both Talgo Series 6 and Series 8 trainsets. Amtrak currently has two Series 8 trainsets now in service that were purchased by the state of Oregon in 2013. The two train sets to be leased from Talgo were originally built for the state of Wisconsin in 2013 but never purchased. The trainsets have never been operated but have been stored in serviceable condition at the Amtrak Beech Grove facility in Beech Grove, IN.

Amtrak requests relief for the two Talgo Series 8 trainsets from the requirements of 49 CFR 238.131(b), *Safety System for Manual and Powered Side Doors—propulsion interlock*, which applies to passenger cars beginning service after February 5, 2018, and § 238.133, *Exterior side door safety systems—all passenger cars and locomotives used in a passenger service*.

The Talgo Series 8 trainsets currently in operation have been in service since 2013 and are therefore exempt from the requirements of §§ 238.131(b) and 238.133 because they were ordered prior to April 5, 2016 and placed into service prior to February 5, 2018. The Talgo Series 8 trainsets to be leased are identical to the Series 8 trainsets currently in operation. The relief would apply only to the trainsets to be leased from Talgo that have never been placed in service.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the Department of Transportation's Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

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 parties desire 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 and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Website:* <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.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2002-14116]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this provides the public notice that on January 23, 2018, Grand Trunk Western Railroad Company (GTW), which operates under the trade name Canadian National Railway (CN), has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for an extension of an existing waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR 236.408, *Route Locking*, and to make the waiver of compliance permanent. FRA assigned the petition docket number FRA-2002-14116.

In 2002 CN requested permission to operate the 32nd Street Crossover, power operated switches, at milepost 333.28, in the existing traffic control system, at Port Huron, Michigan, on the Flint Subdivision, Midwest Division, without Route Locking. The request was based on the fact that the crossover design is not uncommon in the railroad industry, and provides all the requisite components and safety features of a standard interlocking, or an electric lock location. FRA initially granted CN's request in 2003, extending the relief in 2008 and 2013.

CN states that it has operated under this waiver for fifteen years without

incident, therefore it believes that making the relief permanent is appropriate.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Community Development Financial Institutions Fund

Funding Opportunity Title: Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) Inviting Applications for Financial Assistance (FA) Awards or Technical Assistance (TA) Grants Under the Native American CDFI Assistance (NACA Program) Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Funding Round

Announcement Type: Announcement of funding opportunity.

Funding Opportunity Number: CDFI-2018-NACA.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 21.012.

Key Dates:

TABLE 1—FY 2018 NACA PROGRAM FUNDING ROUND—CRITICAL DEADLINES FOR APPLICANTS

Description	Deadline	Time (eastern time—ET)	Submission method
Last day to contact Certification, Compliance Monitoring and Evaluation (CCME) staff regarding CDFI Certification.	February 28, 2018	11:59 p.m	Service Request via Award Management Information System (AMIS).
CDFI certification applications	March 2, 2018	11:59 p.m	Electronically via AMIS.
Create AMIS Account (New Applicants)	March 2, 2018	11:59 p.m	AMIS.
SF424 (Application for Federal Assistance)	March 2, 2018	11:59 p.m	Electronically via <i>Grants.gov</i> .
Last day to contact NACA Program staff	April 2, 2018	5:00 p.m	Service Request via AMIS or CDFI Fund Helpdesk: 202-653-0421.
NACA Program Application for Financial Assistance (FA) or Technical Assistance (TA).	April 4, 2018	11:59 p.m	AMIS.

Executive Summary: Through the NACA Program, the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund provides (i) FA awards of up to \$1 million to Certified Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) serving Native American, Alaska Native, or Native Hawaiian populations or Native American areas defined as Federally-designated reservations, Hawaiian homelands, Alaska Native Villages and U.S. Census Bureau-designated Tribal Statistical Areas (collectively, “Native Communities”) to build their financial capacity to lend to their Target Markets, and (ii) TA grants of up to \$150,000 to build Certified, Certifiable, and

Emerging CDFIs’ organizational capacity to serve their Target Markets and Sponsoring Entities ability to create Certified CDFIs that serve Native Communities. All awards provided through this NOFA are subject to funding availability.

I. Program Description

A. History: The CDFI Fund was established by the Riegle Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994 to promote economic revitalization and community development through investment in and assistance to CDFIs. Since its creation in 1994, the CDFI Fund has awarded more than \$2.5 billion to CDFIs, community

development organizations, and financial institutions through the Community Development Financial Institutions Program (CDFI Program), the Native American CDFI Assistance Program (NACA Program), the Bank Enterprise Award Program (BEA Program), the Capital Magnet Fund, and the Financial Education and Counseling Pilot Program. In addition, the CDFI Fund has allocated more than \$50.5 billion in tax credit allocation authority through the New Markets Tax Credit Program (NMTCP) and has guaranteed \$1.36 billion in bonds for Eligible CDFIs through the CDFI Bond Guarantee Program.