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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System or Relief from the Requirements of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 236

Pursuant to Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 235 and 49 U.S.C. App. 26, the following railroads have petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval for the discontinuance or modification of the signal system or relief from the requirements of 49 CFR Part 236 as detailed below.

Docket No. FRA-1998-4625.

Applicant: CSX Transportation, Incorporated, Mr. Franklin E. Pursley, Vice President Operations Support, Safety Integration Officer, 500 Water Street, SC J250, Jacksonville, Florida 32202.

CSX Transportation, Incorporated (CSXT) seeks permanent relief from the requirements of Section 236.502, Section 236.553, and Section 236.563 of the Rules, Standards, and Instructions (49 CFR), to the extent that CSXT be permitted to operate Conrail and new CSXT locomotives equipped with the LSL, braking profile, automatic train control (ATC) system, on the RF&P Subdivision.

Applicant's justification for relief: To expeditiously and effectively utilize the approximately 300 acquired Conrail locomotives equipped with the LSL, braking profile, ATC system; to avoid unnecessary costs; and to achieve operational benefits offered by the LSL, braking profile system.

Any interested party desiring to protest the granting of an application shall set forth specifically the grounds upon which the protest is made, and contain a concise statement of the interest of the Protester in the proceeding. The original and two copies of the protest shall be filed with the Associate Administrator for Safety, FRA, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Mail Stop 25, Washington, DC 20590 within 30 calendar days of the date of publication

of this notice. Additionally, one copy of the protest shall be furnished to the applicant at the address listed above.

FRA expects to be able to determine these matters without an oral hearing. However, if a specific request for an oral hearing is accompanied by a showing that the party is unable to adequately present his or her position by written statements, an application may be set for public hearing.

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Docket No. FRA-1998-4629

Applicants: Springfield Terminal Railway Company and Maine Central Railway Company, Mr. J. F. West, Chief Engineer, Communications & Signals, Iron Horse Park, North Billerica, Massachusetts 01862.

The Springfield Terminal Railway Company and Maine Central Railway Company jointly seek approval of the proposed temporary discontinuance and removal of the automatic block signal system, on the single main track, between Lewiston, Maine, milepost 158.2 and Auburn, Maine, milepost 165.9, until July 1999, and govern train movements by NORAC Rule 160, Form D, or DCS.

The reason given for the proposed changes is that the signal pole line in the application area suffered catastrophic damage during the preceding winter ice storm and is not readily repairable. Design work is presently ongoing to replace the pole line with an in-track signal system associated with the installation of new highway rail grade crossing predictor/motion sensors within the application area.

Any interested party desiring to protest the granting of an application shall set forth specifically the grounds upon which the protest is made, and contain a concise statement of the interest of the Protester in the proceeding. The original and two copies of the protest shall be filed with the Associate Administrator for Safety, FRA, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Mail Stop 25, Washington, D.C. 20590 within 45 calendar days of the date of publication of this notice. Additionally, one copy of the protest shall be furnished to the applicant at the address listed above.

FRA expects to be able to determine these matters without an oral hearing. However, if a specific request for an oral hearing is accompanied by a showing that the party is unable to adequately present his or her position by written statements, an application may be set for public hearing.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Applications for Modification of Exemption

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: List of Applications for Modification of Exemptions.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, exemptions from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Materials Regulations (49 CFR Part 107, Subpart B), notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the applications described herein. This notice is abbreviated to expedite docketing and public notice. Because the sections affected, modes of transportation, and the nature of application have been shown in earlier Federal Register publications, they are not repeated here. Requests for modifications of exemptions (e.g. to provide for additional hazardous materials, packaging design changes, additional mode of transportation, etc.) are described in footnotes to the application number. Application