

Type of Request: Extension with change (revised estimates) of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses (railroads).

Form(s): N/A.

Respondent Universe: 33 railroads.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion/monthly.

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 738.

Total Estimated Annual Burden: 2,084 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hour Dollar Cost Equivalent: \$169,396.

Under 44 U.S.C. 3507(a) and 5 CFR 1320.5(b) and 1320.8(b)(3)(vi), FRA informs all interested parties that it may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA–2000–7257, Notice No. 89]

Railroad Safety Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: FRA announces the fifty-ninth meeting of the Railroad Safety Advisory Committee (RSAC), a Federal Advisory Committee that develops railroad safety regulations through a consensus process.

DATES: The RSAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 26, 2019. The meeting will commence at 9:30 a.m., and will adjourn by 4:30 p.m. Requests to submit written materials to be reviewed during the meeting must be received no later than November 16, 2019. Requests for accommodations because of a disability must be received by November 16, 2019.

ADDRESSES: The RSAC meeting will be held at the National Association of Home Builders, located at 1201 15th Street NW, Washington, DC 20005. A final agenda will be posted on the RSAC internet website at <https://rsac.fra.dot.gov/> at least one week in advance of the meeting. Please see the RSAC website for additional

information on the committee at <http://rsac.fra.dot.gov/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kenton Kilgore, RSAC Designated Federal Officer/RSAC Coordinator, FRA Office of Railroad Safety, (202) 493–6286; or Larry Woolverton, Executive Officer, FRA Office of Railroad Safety, (202) 493–6212.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), FRA is giving notice of a meeting of the RSAC. The RSAC is composed of 40 voting representatives from 29 member organizations, representing various rail industry perspectives. The diversity of the Committee ensures the requisite range of views and expertise necessary to discharge its responsibilities.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis, and is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Any member of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time. The U.S. Department of Transportation and the Federal Railroad Administration are committed to providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, please contact either of the individuals listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section no later than November 16, 2019.

Agenda Summary: The RSAC meeting topics will include opening remarks from the FRA Administrator, as well as an update on the railroad industry's implementation of positive train control (PTC). FRA will present to the Committee reports from the Working Groups for: Tourist and Historic Railroads; Track Standards; Passenger Safety; Part 225 Accident Reporting; Train Dispatcher Certification; and Signal Employees Certification. This agenda is subject to change.

Issued in Washington, DC.

Ronald L. Batory,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA–2019–0080]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on September 18, 2019, the

American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRRA), on behalf of its members, petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal hours of service laws contained at 49 U.S.C. 21103(a)(4)(A), which, in part, require a train employee to receive 48 hours off duty after initiating an on-duty period for six consecutive days. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2019–0080.

Specifically, ASLRRRA seeks a comprehensive waiver of relief from (1) the statutory rest requirements contained in 49 U.S.C. 21103(a)(4)(A); and (2) approval of a pilot project to demonstrate the safety of adopting fatigue mitigation plans on Class II and Class III railroads in lieu of strict compliance with the requirements of these statutory provisions.

ASLRRRA's existing waiver of 49 U.S.C. 21103(a)(4)(A), granted under the terms and conditions contained in FRA's initial March 5, 2010 decision letter, and extended by FRA's decision letter dated February 27, 2012, permits participating railroads to allow train employees to work six consecutive days followed by 24 hours of rest before returning to work. *See* Docket Number FRA–2009–0078. One condition of the waiver excludes work occurring between the hours of midnight and six a.m. ASLRRRA requests to expand the waiver to include work between the hours of midnight and six a.m. for those railroads identified in the petition. It also seeks approval of a pilot project to validate preliminary data results suggesting that employing fatigue mitigating techniques would eliminate any adverse consequences from extending ASLRRRA's existing waiver to those hours. ASLRRRA states that employee participation in the waiver will be voluntary and all employees covered by the waiver will be provided information about the waiver and pilot.

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 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