

**b. Additional Reporting**

Applicants selected for funding are required to comply with all reporting requirements in the standard terms and conditions for FRA grant awards including 2 CFR 180.335 and 2 CFR 180.350. See an example of standard terms and conditions for FRA grant awards at: <https://www.fra.dot.gov/eLib/Details/L19057>.

If the Federal share of any Federal award under this NOFO may include more than \$500,000 over the period of

performance, applicants are informed of the post award reporting requirements reflected in 2 CFR part 200, Appendix XII—Award Term and Condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters.

**c. Performance Reporting**

As a part of the grant agreement, the grant recipient must provide similar information regarding the route performance, financial, and ridership projections, and capital and business plans that Amtrak is required to provide

to FRA, as well as other implementation information that includes the status of the investments and funded operations, the plans for continued operation and funding of routes, and any legislative recommendations.

Grant recipients must also collect information and report on the project's performance using measures established by the FRA to assess progress in achieving strategic goals and objectives. Examples of some rail measures are listed in the below table.

Rail measures	Unit measured	Temporal	Primary strategic goal	Secondary strategic goal	Description
Passenger Counts .....	Count .....	Annual .....	Economic Competitiveness.	State of Good Repair	Count of the annual passenger boardings and alightings at stations within the project area.
Travel Time .....	Time/Trip .....	Annual .....	Economic Competitiveness.	Quality of Life .....	Point-to-point travel times between pre-determined station stops within the project area. This measure demonstrates how track improvements and other upgrades improve operations on a rail line. It also helps make sure the railroad is maintaining the line after project completion.

**G. Federal Awarding Agency Contacts**

For further information regarding this notice, please contact Amy Houser, Office of Program Delivery, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W36-412, Washington, DC 20590; email: [amy.houser@dot.gov](mailto:amy.houser@dot.gov). For information about the R&E Grants Program or project specific questions, please contact Ruthie Americus, Office of Policy and Planning, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W36-403, Washington, DC 20590; email: [ruthie.americus@dot.gov](mailto:ruthie.americus@dot.gov).

**H. Other Information**

All information submitted as part of or in support of any application shall use publicly available data or data that can be made public and methodologies that are accepted by industry practice and standards, to the extent possible. If the application includes information the applicant considers to be a trade secret or confidential commercial or financial information, the applicant should do the following: (1) Note on the front cover that the submission "Contains Confidential Business Information (CBI)"; (2) mark each affected page "CBI"; and (3) highlight or otherwise denote the CBI portions.

FRA protects such information from disclosure consistent with applicable law. In the event FRA receives a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the information, FRA will follow the procedures described in its FOIA regulations at 49 CFR 7.17. Only

information that is ultimately determined to be confidential under that procedure will be exempt from disclosure under FOIA.

Issued in Washington, DC.

**Quintin C. Kendall,**

*Deputy Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Railroad Administration**

**[Docket Number FRA-2019-0088]**

**Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System**

Under part 235 of title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), this provides the public notice that by a document dated October 10, 2019, the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval to discontinue or modify a signal system. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2019-0088.

*Applicant:* Amtrak, Mr. Nicholas J. Croce III, PE, Deputy Chief Engineer, C&S, 2995 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104.

Specifically, Amtrak requests permission to retire signals 1267-4 and 1268-4, as well as associated track circuits and cab signals on Track 4 between Groton Interlocking, milepost

(MP) 124.2, and Palmers Cove, MP 128.1, on the New England Division, Main Line New Haven to Boston, Northeast Corridor. The advanced civil speed enforcement system enforcing positive train stop at Groton signal 4W and Palmers Cove signal 4E will remain in place and in-service.

Amtrak is designating Track 4 as non-mainline track. Amtrak states the reason for the removal of signal equipment is to eliminate maintenance of equipment which provides no significant benefit to the safety of operations.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at <http://www.regulations.gov> and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) 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 and a public hearing, 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 Ave. SE, W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- **Hand Delivery:** 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received by December 23, 2019 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

Anyone can 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 document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <http://www.dot.gov/privacy>. See also <http://www.regulations.gov/#!privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

Issued in Washington, DC.

**John Karl Alexy,**

Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety  
Chief Safety Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form Project

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The IRS is soliciting comments

concerning country-by-country reporting.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before January 6, 2020 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Dr. Philippe Thomas, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6529, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form should be directed to Kerry Dennis, at (202) 317-5751 or Internal Revenue Service, Room 6529, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet, at [Kerry.Dennis@irs.gov](mailto:Kerry.Dennis@irs.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Country-by-Country Reporting.  
**OMB Number:** 1545-2072.

**Form Number:** 8975.

**Abstract:** Form 8975 is used to provide certain information required to report annual country-by-country reporting by certain United States persons that are the ultimate parent entity of a US MNE that has annual revenue for the preceding annual accounting period of \$850 million or more.

**Current Actions:** There are no changes being made to the form or burden estimates at this time.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Affected Public:** Business or other-for-profits.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 3,120.

**Estimated Time per Respondent:** 1 hour, 30 minutes.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 4,680 hours.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

**Request for Comments:** Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the

agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: September 16, 2019.

**Philippe Thomas,**  
Supervisor Tax Analyst.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form Project

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The IRS is soliciting comments concerning U.S. estate tax return for qualified domestic trusts.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before January 6, 2020 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Dr. Philippe Thomas, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6529, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form should be directed to Kerry Dennis, at (202) 317-5751 or Internal Revenue Service, Room 6529, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet, at [Kerry.Dennis@irs.gov](mailto:Kerry.Dennis@irs.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** U.S. Estate Tax Return for Qualified Domestic Trusts.

**OMB Number:** 1545-1212.

**Form Numbers:** 706 QDT.

**Abstract:** Form 706-QDT is used by the trustee or the designated filer to