



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2020-0050]

**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 May 11, 2020, Pacific Harbor Line (PHL) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval to discontinue or modify a signal system. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2020-0050.

Applicant: Pacific Harbor Line, Inc.

Mr. Otis Cliatt II

President

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Specifically, PHL requests permission to discontinue a traffic control system on two signaled main tracks on the Long Beach Subdivision, from, but not including, Control Point (CP) Gaspar, milepost (MP) 17.7x, to CP Ocean Boulevard, MP 19.2x, in Long Beach, California.

PHL will remove intermediate automatic signals at MP 18.5x and all switches, with the exception of one crossover within the limits of CP Ocean Boulevard. Remote

throw non-signalized territory switches will be installed. Tracks will be designated as Other Than Mainline, General Code of Operating Rules 6.28.

The reason for the proposed changes is that the owner, Port of Long Beach, is implementing a rail improvement project on the Long Beach Subdivision. Operators on the trackage are PHL, Union Pacific Railroad Company, and BNSF Railway.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online 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:

- Web site: <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 **[INSERT DATE 45 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]** 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, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at www.dot.gov/privacy. See also <http://www.regulations.gov/#!privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of regulations.gov.

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