DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2021-0010]

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

Under part 235 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), this document provides the public notice that on January 13, 2021, Norfolk Southern Corporation (NS) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval to discontinue or modify a signal system. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2021-0010.

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Specifically, NS requests permission to discontinue a traffic control system (TCS) on the D&H line, of the Keystone Division, milepost (MP) HA 629.3 to MP HA 715.7. This includes control point (CP) 629, CP 631, CP 648, CP 650, CP 659, CP 661, CP 672, CP 673, CP 697, CP 699, CP 714, and CP 716, and six automatic signals. The main track and sidings between MPs HA 629.3 and HA 631.5, HA 648.0 and HA 679.3, HA 697 and HA 699; and HA 714 and HA 715.7 will be converted to NS Rule 171 operation. One operable approach signal will be installed at MP HA 676.

NS states the reason for the proposed discontinuance is that operations no longer require TCS.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the
petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov.

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.
- 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
https://www.transportation.gov/privacy. See also

Issued in Washington, DC.

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