



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2021-0021]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on January 26, 2021, Norfolk Southern Corporation (NS), petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 236, Rules, Standards, and Instructions Governing the Installation, Inspection, Maintenance, and Repair of Signal and Train Control Systems, Devices, and Appliances. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2021-0021.

Specifically, NS requests relief from 49 CFR 236.566, *Locomotive of each train operating in train stop, train control or cab signal territory; equipped*. The relief is requested for the Royaltan Branch in the Keystone Division, from milepost (MP) RY 0.0 to MP RY 21.9. NS seeks to operate positive train control (PTC) equipped locomotives, that are not equipped with cab signal system equipment, in cab signal system territory.

PTC-equipped locomotives are to be used in switching, transfer service, with or without cars, manifest trains, work trains, wreck trains, ballast cleaners to and from work, and engines and rail diesel cars moving to and from shops, with all movements made at timetable speed. NS states that if a PTC-equipped locomotive experiences an en route failure, then 49 CFR 236.1029, *PTC system use and failures*, would apply.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at <http://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.
- Mail: Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 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 <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See also

<http://www.regulations.gov/#!privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of regulations.gov.

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