



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2011-0104]

Central Florida Rail Corridor's Request to Amend Its Positive Train Control System Comment Extension Notice

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

ACTION: Notice of extension for request for comments.

SUMMARY: On February 15, 2024, the Central Florida Rail Corridor (CFRC) submitted a request for amendment (RFA) to its FRA-certified positive train control (PTC) system in order to temporarily disable its PTC system between Milepost (MP) 749.60 and MP 755.4 to perform necessary maintenance and improve an existing a crossing. FRA published a notice inviting public comment on CFRC's request to disable its PTC system to perform necessary maintenance, with the initial comment period closing on March 18, 2024. This document provides the public with notice that FRA is extending the comment period on CFRC's request from March 18, 2024, to April 1, 2024, as CFRC's request was uploaded to the docket late due to a technical error, and was not available for review during the full initial comment period.

DATES: The comment period stated in the notice published in the *Federal Register* at 89 FR 14127 (February 26, 2024) is extended until April 1, 2024. FRA may consider comments received after that date to the extent practicable and without delaying implementation of valuable or necessary modifications to a PTC system.

ADDRESSES: *Comments:* Comments may be submitted by going to <https://www.regulations.gov> and following the online instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and the applicable

docket number. The relevant PTC docket number for this host railroad is Docket No. FRA-2011-0104. For convenience, all active PTC documents are hyperlinked on FRA's website at <https://railroads.dot.gov/research-development/program-areas/train-control/ptc/railroads-ptc-dockets>. All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>; this includes any personal information.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In general, Title 49 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 20157(h) requires FRA to certify that a host railroad's PTC system complies with Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 236, subpart I, before the technology may be operated in revenue service. Before making certain changes to an FRA-certified PTC system or the associated FRA-approved PTC Safety Plan (PTCSP), a host railroad must submit, and obtain FRA's approval of, an RFA to its PTC system or PTCSP under 49 CFR 236.1021.

Under 49 CFR 236.1021(e), FRA's regulations provide that FRA will publish a notice in the *Federal Register* and invite public comment in accordance with 49 CFR part 211, if an RFA includes a request for approval of a material modification of a signal or train control system. Accordingly, this notice informs the public that, on February 15, 2024, CFRC submitted an RFA to its PTCSP for its Interoperable Electronic Train Management System (I-ETMS), which seeks FRA's approval for a temporary outage to conduct planned track maintenance. That RFA is available in Docket No. FRA-2011-0104.

Interested parties are invited to comment on CFRC's RFA by submitting written comments or data. During FRA's review of CFRC's RFA, FRA will consider any comments or data submitted within the timeline specified in this notice and to the extent

practicable, without delaying implementation of valuable or necessary modifications to a PTC system. *See* 49 CFR 236.1021; *see also* 49 CFR 236.1011(e). Under 49 CFR 236.1021, FRA maintains the authority to approve, approve with conditions, or deny a railroad's RFA at FRA's sole discretion.

Privacy Act Notice

In accordance with 49 CFR 211.3, FRA solicits comments from the public to better inform its decisions. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to <https://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* <https://www.regulations.gov/privacy-notice> for the privacy notice of regulations.gov. To facilitate comment tracking, FRA encourages commenters to provide their name, or the name of their organization; however, submission of names is completely optional. If you wish to provide comments containing proprietary or confidential information, please contact FRA for alternate submission instructions.

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