



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2026-1949]

Notice of Petition for Waiver of Compliance

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document provides the public notice that Delmarva Central Railroad Company (DCR) petitioned FRA for relief from certain regulations concerning a movable bridge.

DATES: FRA must receive comments on the petition by **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**. FRA will consider comments received after that date to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES:

Comments: Comments related to this docket 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 docket number. All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>; this includes any personal information. Please see the Privacy Act heading in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this document for Privacy Act information related to any submitted comments or materials.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for accessing the docket.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Johnson, Railroad Safety Specialist, FRA Signal, Train Control, and Crossings Division, telephone: 406-657-6642, email: scott.j.johnson@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by letters received July 21 and August 10, 2026, DCR petitioned 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-2026-1949.

Specifically, DCR seeks temporary relief from the requirements of §§ 236.312, *Movable bridge, interlocking of signal appliances with bridge devices*, and 236.387, *Movable bridge locking*, for the Cassatt Swing Bridge due to the destruction of its signal and bridge control hut in a fire. Consequently, the bridge has lost its “relay interlocking, bridge control equipment, signal relays, wiring, and associated control circuitry required to provide the automatic interlocking and bridge-locking functions.”

DCR states that the bridge and its mechanical components remain operable. The signal hut and relay interlocking are scheduled to be replaced by spring of 2027. DCR notes that until the work is completed, all train movements will operate under Rule 6.28, not exceeding 5 miles per hour. Further, qualified employees will manually operate the bridge and verify that the bridge is fully closed and locked before rail movements are authorized. In support of its request, DCR included several planned safety measures for the bridge, including that fixed signals governing movements over the bridge will remain as stop indications.

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 party desires 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.

Communications received by **[INSERT DATE 60 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.

Privacy Act

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