driver response just as intensely as
interstate driving conditions. The
veteran drivers in this proceeding have
operated CMVs safely under those
conditions for at least 3 years, most for
much longer. Their experience and
driving records lead us to believe that
each applicant is capable of operating in
interstate commerce as safely as he/she
has been performing in intrastate
commerce. Consequently, FMCSA finds
that exempting these applicants from
the vision requirement in 49 CFR
391.41(b)(10) is likely to achieve a level of
safety equal to that existing without
the exemption. For this reason, the
Agency is granting the exemptions for
the 2-year period allowed by 49 U.S.C.
31136(e) and 31315 to the 19 applicants
listed in the notice of December 21,
2015 (80 FR 79414).
We recognize that the vision of an
applicant may change and affect his/her
ability to operate a CMV as safely as in
the past. As a condition of the
exemption, therefore, FMCSA will
impose requirements on the 19
individuals consistent with the
grandfathering provisions applied to
drivers who participated in the
Agency’s vision waiver program.
Those requirements are found at 49
CFR 391.64(b) and include the
following: (1) That each individual be
currently physically examined every year (a)
by an ophthalmologist or optometrist who
attests that the vision in the better eye
continues to meet the requirement in 49
CFR 391.41(b)(10) and (b) by a medical
examiner who attests that the individual
is otherwise physically qualified under
49 CFR 391.41; (2) that each individual
provide a copy of the ophthalmologist’s or
optometrist’s report to the medical
examiner at the time of the annual
medical examination; and (3) that each
individual provide a copy of the annual
medical certification to the employer for
retention in the driver’s qualification
file, or keep a copy in his/her driver’s
qualification file if he/she is self-
employed. The driver must have a copy of
the certification when driving, for
presentation to a duly authorized
Federal, State, or local enforcement
official.

V. Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received no comments in this
proceeding.

VI. Conclusion

Based upon its evaluation of the 19
exemption applications, FMCSA
exempts the following drivers from the
vision requirement in 49 CFR
391.41(b)(10), subject to the
requirements cited above (49 CFR
391.64(b)):

- Raed A. Abdelrahim (NH),
  Dominic A. Berube (MA),
- Gary L. Best (MI),
- Theron K. Billings (VA),
- Lucien A. Fregou (CT),
- Michael A. Gibbons (PA),
- Fred M. Hill, Jr. (LA),
- Freddie H. Johnson (ID),
- Timothy C. Kohn (MO),
- John D. Morgan (PA),
- Brian M. Olivias (TX),
- Douglas Pitts (OH),
- Jesus R. Ponce (NY),
- Eddie R. Schaeft (TX),
- Brian J. Stoltie (SC),
- Terry A. Strong (CA),
- Michael A. Terry (IN),
- Russell A. Wilkinson (FL),
- Timothy W. Youngblood, Jr. (TX)

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e)
and 31315, each exemption will be valid
for 2 years unless revoked earlier by
FMCSA. The exemption will be revoked
if: (1) The person fails to comply with the
terms and conditions of the
exemption; (2) the exemption has
resulted in a lower level of safety than
was maintained before it was granted; or
(3) continuation of the exemption would
not be consistent with the goals and

If the exemption is still effective at the
end of the 2-year period, the person may
apply to FMCSA for a renewal under
procedures in effect at that time.

Issued on: June 28, 2016.

Larry W. Minor,
Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA–2016–0059]

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

In accordance with part 235 of Title
49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)
and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), this document
provides the public notice that by a
document dated May 25, 2016, Norfolk
Southern Railway (NS) petitioned the
Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)
seeking approval for the discontinuance
or modification of a signal system. FRA
assigned the petition Docket Number
FRA–2016–0059.

Applicant: Norfolk Southern Railway,
Mr. B. L. Sykes, Chief Engineer, C&S
Engineering, 1200 Peachtree Street NE.,
Atlanta, GA 30309.

NS seeks approval of the modification
of power-operated Switch 1723 at
Control Point (CP) BATH, at Milepost
(MP) SP 172.29, on the NS Frankfort
District, at Muncie, IN. Switch 1723 will
be converted to a hand-operated switch.
The existing 120RC signal at BATH will
be moved southeast so that the new
hand-operated switch will be outside
the CP limits. The switch is to be
converted to a hand-operated switch to
improve operations at this location.

A copy of the petition, as well as any
written communications concerning the
petition, is available for review online at
www.regulations.gov and in person at
the U.S. Department of Transportation’s
(DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200
New Jersey Avenue SE., W12–140,
Washington, DC 20590. The Docket
Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m.
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 party desires
an opportunity for oral comment, 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.
- Mail: Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12–140,
Washington, DC 20590.
- Hand Delivery: 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12–140,
Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m.
and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received by August
22, 2016 will be considered by FRA
before final action is taken. Comments
received after that date will be
considered as far as practicable.

Anyone is able to 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.). In
accordance with 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
PINKY; Invitation for Public Comments

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before August 8, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD–2016–0069. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–40, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at http://www.regulations.gov.


**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Maritime Administration**

[Docket No. MARAD–2016 0069]

**Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel PINKY; Invitation for Public Comments**

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**DATING:** June 30, 2016.

**SUMMARY:** As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bianca Carr, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W23–453, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202–366–9309, Email Bianca.carr@dot.gov.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Pipeine and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration**

**Hazardous Materials: Notice of Applications for Special Permits**

**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** List of applications for special permits.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, special permits from the Department of Transportation’s Hazardous Material Regulations (49 CFR part 107, subpart B), notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the application described herein. Each mode of transportation for which a particular special permit is requested is indicated by a number in the “Nature of Application” portion of the table below as follows: 1—Motor vehicle, 2—Rail freight, 3—Cargo vessel, 4—Cargo aircraft only, 5—Passenger-carrying aircraft.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before August 8, 2016.

**ADDRESS Comments To:** Record Center, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration U.S. Department of Transportation Washington, DC 20590.

Comments should refer to the application number and be submitted in triplicate. If confirmation of receipt of comments is desired, include a self-addressed stamped postcard showing the special permit number.


**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the Records Center, East Building, PHH–30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast, Washington DC or at http://regulations.gov.

This notice of receipt of applications for special permit is published in accordance with Part 107 of the Federal hazardous materials transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5117(b); 49 CFR 1.53(b)).

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 30, 2016.

Ryan Paquet,
Director, Approvals and Permits.