In accordance with part 238 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated June 15, 2016, the New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ Transit) has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for an extension of its existing waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2007–0030.

NJ Transit owns and operates Southern New Jersey Light Rail Transit, a commuter light rail transit system operating for approximately 34 miles between Trenton, NJ, and Camden, NJ. This commuter operation is also known as the River Line and operates over a Conrail freight line. The operation uses non-FRA-compliant diesel multiple unit trains during an exclusive passenger period, temporally separated from Conrail’s nightly freight operations over the same tracks. NJ Transit first requested FRA approval of the shared use arrangement and the associated regulatory waivers for this operation on July 13, 1999, in Docket Number FRA–2007–0030, and has received subsequent extensions and modifications of this regulatory relief in 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 (relating to “Extended Temporal Separation Plan”), 2008 (related to further modifications to the temporal separation plan and for allowing increased maximum operating speed of 65 mph with 4 inches of cant deficiency), 2012 (baselining all prior relief into sole Docket Number FRA–2007–0030 so that all related waivers would expire at the same time), and again in 2013 (modification to include relief from 49 CFR part 242, Qualification and Certification of Conductors).

This request is consistent with the requirements set forth in the “Statement of Agency Policy Concerning Jurisdiction Over the Safety of Railroad Passenger Operations and Waivers Related to Shared Use of the Tracks of the General Railroad System by Light