DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA–2016–0075]

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 on June 14, 2016, CSX Transportation (CSX) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval for the discontinuance or modification of a signal system. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2016–0075.

Applicant: CSX Transportation, Mr. Jody Cox, Chief Engineer, Communications & Signals, 500 Water Street, Speed Code J–350, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

CSX seeks approval of the discontinuance of the signal system, control point (CP) Rule–511, and traffic control (TC) Rule–510 on the Plymouth Subdivision, Chicago Division, Plymouth, MI.

CSX proposes to discontinue CP–511 and TC–510 Rules currently in effect on portions of track between CP Beck Road, Milepost (MP) CH27.0, and CP Seymour, MP CH148.17, and operate under track warrant control D 505 Rules. Signals will be removed and all power-operated switches will be converted to hand operation. The CP–511 Rule will remain in effect at CP Ann Pere, MP CH52.8. CP–511 and TC–510 Rules will remain in effect between CP EE Throwbridge, MP CH83.12, and CP Ensel, MP CH89.95, which will ensure that there is no operational impact to the Jackson & Lansing Railroad.

The reason given for the proposed discontinuance is that the signal system, CP–511, and TC–510 Rules are no longer needed for present-day operation.

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. to 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 public hearings 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.
- 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 October 14, 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 commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL–14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at www.dot.gov/privacy. See also https://www.regulations.gov/privacyNotice for the privacy notice of regulations.gov.

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John Karl Alexy,
Director, Office of Safety Analysis.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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[Docket Number FRA–2016–0072]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated July 20, 2016, Nevada Northern Railway (NNR) has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 230–Steam Locomotive Inspection and Maintenance Standards. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2016–0072.

NNR requests relief from performing the 1,472 service day inspection (SDI), for Number 93, as it pertains to the inspection of the boiler every 15 calendar years or 1,472 service days. This is required under 49 CFR 230.17–Railroad Operating Rules—One thousand four hundred seventy-two (1,472) service day inspection.

NNR is rebuilding No. 81, a 2–8–0 "Consolidation" type of steam locomotive built by the Baldwin Locomotive Works in 1910. NNR is rebuilding No. 40, a 4–6–0 "Ten Wheeler" type of steam locomotive built by the Baldwin Locomotive Works in 1912.

NNR currently has two operating steam locomotives: Number 93 and Number 40. A 4–6–0 "Ten Wheeler" type of steam locomotive built by the Baldwin Locomotive Works in 1910. NNR is rebuilding No. 81, a 2–8–0 "Consolidation" type of steam locomotive built by the Baldwin Locomotive Works in 1912. NNR's justification for requesting relief is to ensure that two operating locomotives will be available at all times to provide motive power for the tourist operation.

Number 93 will be removed from service for the 1,472 SDI when Number 81 enters service by October 20, 2017.

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. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

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