system. FRA is publishing this notice and inviting public comment on the railroad's RFA.

DATES: FRA will consider comments received by August 5, 2026. 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–2010–0030. For convenience, all active PTC dockets 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gabe Neal, Staff Director, Signal, Train Control, and Crossings Division, telephone: 816–516–7168, email: *Gabe.Neal@dot.gov.*

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 July 9, 2026, MBTA submitted an RFA to its PTC system, the Advanced Civil Speed Enforcement System II, seeking FRA's approval of a temporary outage of MBTA's PTC system to support the reconfiguration of Control Point CP–44 on the Worcester Main Line. That RFA is available in Docket No. FRA–2010–0030.

Interested parties are invited to comment on MBTA's RFA by submitting written comments or data. During FRA's review of this railroad'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, we encourage 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.

Issued in Washington, DC.

Carolyn R. Hayward-Williams,

Director, Office of Railroad Systems and Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA–2026–1651]

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 CSX Transportation Inc. (CSXT) petitioned FRA for relief from certain regulations concerning tests and inspections of extended haul trains.

DATES: FRA must receive comments on the petition by September 14, 2026. 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: Michael Barron, Railroad Safety Specialist, FRA Motive Power & Equipment Division, telephone: 202–493–1367, email: *michael.barron@dot.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by letter dated June 5, 2026, CSXT petitioned FRA for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 232 (Brake System Safety Standards for Freight and Other Non-Passenger Trains and Equipment; End-of-Train Devices). FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2026–1651.

Specifically, CSXT seeks relief from the requirements of § 232.213, *Extended haul trains,* to continue operating certain extended haul trains up to a maximum of 1,785 miles. To extend the operating miles, CSXT proposes requirements for the trains to receive a Class 1 brake test and mechanical inspection by a qualified mechanical inspector prior to each train's initial departure. Further, the petition states that the waiver applies only to trains on approved routes equipped with wayside detectors.

In support of its request, CSXT expressed that the waiver will ''maintain or enhance overall brake system safety,'' reduce employees' exposure during walking inspections, improve ''train fluidity while preserving mechanical integrity,'' and align ''inspection practices with demonstrated equipment performance.''

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 September 14, 2026 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

Privacy Act

Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of FRA's 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.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to 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 *https://www.transportation.gov/privacy.* See also *https://www.regulations.gov/privacy-notice* for the privacy notice of *regulations.gov*.

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Carolyn Hayward-Williams,

Director, Office of Railroad Systems and Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2020–0127]

Deepwater Port License Application: Blue Marlin Offshore Port Project—Final Public Hearing

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of final public hearing.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration (MARAD) and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) announce the final public hearing for the Blue Marlin Offshore Port (BMOP) Deepwater Port license application for the export of oil from the United States to nations abroad. The BMOP Deepwater Port license application describes a project located approximately 99 statute miles off the coast of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, with an approximate water depth of 162 feet. MARAD encourages public participation in the final public hearing and is providing information on how to participate at the final public hearing and welcomes comments on the BMOP Deepwater Port license application.

DATES: MARAD and USCG will hold two final public hearings in connection with the BMOP Application. The first public hearing will be held on Aug. 4, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT) in the Cameron Parish Police Jury West Annex, 148 Smith Circle, Cameron, LA. The second public hearing will be held on Aug. 5, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. CDT in the Bob Bowers Civic Center, 3401 Cultural Center Drive, Port Arthur, TX 77640. Each public hearing will be preceded by an Informational Open House, held between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. CDT. Materials submitted in response to this request for comments on the BMOP Deepwater Port license application may be submitted verbally or in writing during the public hearing mentioned above. If you choose to submit comments in writing regarding the BMOP Deepwater Port license application, you may do so via the Federal eRulemaking Portal or the Federal Docket Management Facility as detailed in the **ADDRESSES** section below by 11:59 p.m. EDT on Aug. 5, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD–2020–0127 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to *http://www.regulations.gov*. Search MARAD–2020–0127 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* The DOT Docket is located at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590. Documents may be delivered between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

Note: If you mail or hand-deliver your comments, we recommend that you include your name, mailing address, email address, or telephone number so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and specific docket number. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket at *www.regulations.gov,* including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Brent Yezefski, Program Manager, USCG, telephone: 202–372–1351, email: *DeepwaterPorts@USCG.mil;* or Dr. Efrain Lopez, Senior Transportation Industry Analyst, Office of Deepwater Ports, MARAD, telephone: 202–366–9761, email: *Deepwater.Ports@dot.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Final Public Hearing

MARAD encourages the public to attend the informational open house and final public hearing for the BMOP Deepwater Port license application. Speakers at the public hearing will be recognized in the following order: elected officials, public agencies, individuals, or groups in the sign-up order, and then anyone else who wishes to speak.

In order to allow everyone a chance to speak at the public hearing, MARAD may limit speaker time, extend the hearing hours, or both. Speakers must identify themselves, and any organization they represent, by name. All remarks will be recorded and transcribed for inclusion in the public docket.

Commenters may submit written material at the hearing either in place of, or in addition to, speaking. Written material should include the commenter's name and address and will be included in the public docket and made available to the public on the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) website at *www.regulations.gov.* MARAD will also accept written comments submitted to FDMS by 11:59 p.m. EDT, Aug. 5, 2026 (*see* **ADDRESSES**).

If you plan to participate in the public hearing and need special assistance such as sign language interpretation, non-English language translator services or other reasonable accommodation, please notify MARAD (*see* **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least seven business days in advance of the public hearing. Include your contact information as well as information about your specific needs.

Comments During the Final Public Hearing

MARAD encourages comments on the proposed BMOP Deepwater Port license application, verbally or in writing during the final public hearing. Comments may be used to inform MARAD's Record of Decision for the BMOP Deepwater Port license application. MARAD encourages you to review the applicant's information online on the FDMS website at