## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

**[Docket Number FRA–2026–1420]**

### Notice of Petition for Waiver of Compliance

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

**ACTION:** Notice; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** This document extends the period for public comment regarding the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) petition for relief from certain regulations concerning inspections performed by qualified mechanical inspectors (QMIs).

**DATES:** FRA must receive comments on the petition by December 2, 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:** Caleb Rogers, Railroad Safety Specialist, FRA Motive Power & Equipment Division, telephone: 202–493–6322, email: *caleb.rogers@dot.gov.*

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On September 1, 2026, FRA published notice [1] that UPRR petitioned FRA for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 229 (Railroad Locomotive Safety Standards). FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2026–1420.

On September 9, 2026, the Transportation Trades Department, AFL–CIO (TTD) requested that FRA extend the comment period on this petition.[2] Through this notice, FRA is extending the comment period for an additional 30 days (until December 2, 2026).

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.

Communications received by December 2, 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 *www.regulations.gov.*

Issued in Washington, DC.

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## UNIFIED CARRIER REGISTRATION PLAN

### Sunshine Act Meetings

**TIME AND DATE:** November 5, 2026, 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Eastern time.

**PLACE:** The meeting will be accessible via conference call and via Zoom Meeting and Screenshare. Any interested person may call (i) 1–929–205–6099 (US Toll) or 1–669–900–6833 (US Toll), Meeting ID: 925 2084 5891, to listen and participate in this meeting. The website to participate via Zoom Meeting and Screenshare is *https://kellen.zoom.us/meeting/register/SMAgiZOR3eJDl7CMw1y9g.*

**STATUS:** This meeting will be open to the public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** The Unified Carrier Registration Plan Enforcement Subcommittee (the ''Subcommittee'') will continue its work in developing and implementing the Unified Carrier Registration Plan and Agreement. The subject matter of this meeting will include:

#### Proposed Agenda

**I. Call to Order—UCR Enforcement Subcommittee Chair**

The UCR Enforcement Subcommittee Chair will welcome attendees, call the meeting to order, call roll for the Subcommittee, confirm whether a quorum is present, and facilitate self-introductions.

**II. Verification of Publication of Meeting Notice—UCR Executive Director**

The UCR Executive Director will verify the publication of the meeting notice on the UCR website and distribution to the UCR contact list via email followed by the subsequent publication of the notice in the **Federal Register**.

**III. Review and Approval of Subcommittee Agenda and Setting of Ground Rules—UCR Enforcement Subcommittee Chair**

*For Discussion and Possible Subcommittee Action*

The Subcommittee Agenda will be reviewed, and the Subcommittee will consider adoption.

Ground Rules

➢ Subcommittee action only to be taken in designated areas on agenda

**IV. Review and Approval of Subcommittee Minutes from the October 28, 2025, Meeting—UCR Enforcement Subcommittee Chair**

*For Discussion and Possible Subcommittee Action*

The draft minutes from the October 28, 2025, Subcommittee meeting will be reviewed. The Subcommittee will consider action to approve.

**V. Enforcement Performance Snapshot Through Q3 2026—UCR Enforcement Subcommittee Chair, UCR Enforcement Subcommittee Vice-Chair**

The UCR Enforcement Subcommittee Chair and UCR Enforcement Subcommittee Vice-Chair will present an overview of enforcement activity and compliance rates through the third quarter of 2026, highlighting trends and areas of focus.

[1] *https://www.regulations.gov/document/FRA-2026-1420-0002.*

[2] *https://www.regulations.gov/comment/FRA-2026-1420-0004.*

**VI. Planning for 2027 Enforcement Awareness Initiatives—UCR Enforcement Subcommittee Chair, UCR Enforcement Subcommittee Vice-Chair**

The UCR Enforcement Subcommittee Chair and UCR Enforcement Subcommittee Vice-Chair will lead a discussion on the proposed dates for the 2026 Enforcement Awareness Weeks: January 10–16 (aligned with 2027 schedule and avoids the MLK holiday); June 6–12 (scheduled to avoid Juneteenth observance).

**VII. Expanding Jurisdictional Engagement—UCR Enforcement Subcommittee Chair, UCR Enforcement Subcommittee Vice-Chair**

The UCR Enforcement Subcommittee Chair and UCR Enforcement Subcommittee Vice-Chair will lead a discussion on outreach efforts to additional jurisdictions to broaden enforcement collaboration.

**VIII. FMCSA Registration and UCR Compliance Requirements—UCR Enforcement Subcommittee Chair, UCR Enforcement Subcommittee Vice-Chair**

The UCR Enforcement Subcommittee Chair and UCR Enforcement Subcommittee Vice-Chair will lead a discussion regarding potential coordination with FMCSA to require UCR registration for interstate carriers during initial FMCSA registration and verification of continued UCR registration during biennial updates.

**IX. SafeSpect UCR Violation Notifications—UCR Enforcement Subcommittee Chair, UCR Enforcement Subcommittee Vice-Chair**

The UCR Enforcement Subcommittee Chair and UCR Enforcement Subcommittee Vice-Chair will lead a discussion regarding potential coordination with FMCSA to explore SafeSpect enhancements that would alert inspectors when an interstate carrier may be operating without current UCR registration, helping reduce missed UCR violations.

**X. Enforcement Efficiency Standard—UCR Enforcement Subcommittee Chair, UCR Enforcement Subcommittee Vice-Chair**

*For Discussion and Possible Subcommittee Action*

Discussion of the potential adoption of an Enforcement Efficiency standard for all participating states to supplement the existing Audit Compliance Initiatives and Annual State Audit Evaluation Criteria. The Enforcement Subcommittee may take action to recommend to the UCR Plan Board the adoption of an Enforcement Efficiency standard for all participating states.

**XI. Other Business—UCR Enforcement Subcommittee Chair**

The UCR Enforcement Subcommittee Chair will call for any other items Subcommittee members would like to discuss.

**XII. Adjournment—UCR Enforcement Subcommittee Chair**

The UCR Enforcement Subcommittee Chair will adjourn the meeting.

The agenda will be available no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern time, October 27, 2026 at: *https://plan.ucr.gov.*

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Elizabeth Leaman, Chair, Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors, (617) 305–3783, *eleaman@board.ucr.gov.*

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## UNIFIED CARRIER REGISTRATION PLAN

### Sunshine Act Meetings

**TIME AND DATE:** November 5, 2026, 10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m., Eastern time.

**PLACE:** This meeting will be held at the Graduate by Hilton Providence, 11 Dorrance Street, Providence, RI 02903.

**STATUS:** This meeting will be open to the public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** The Unified Carrier Registration Plan Governance Task Force (the ''Task Force'') will conduct a meeting to continue its work in developing and implementing the Unified Carrier Registration Plan and Agreement. The subject matter of this meeting will include:

**PROPOSED AGENDA**

**I. Call to Order—UCR Plan Governance Task Force Chair**

The UCR Governance Task Force Chair will welcome attendees, call the meeting to order, call roll for the task force, confirm whether a quorum is present, and facilitate self-introductions.

**II. Verification of Publication of Meeting Notice—UCR Executive Director**

The UCR Executive Director will verify the publication of the meeting notice on the UCR website and distribution to the UCR contact list via email followed by the subsequent publication of the notice in the **Federal Register**.

**III. Review and Approval of Task Force Agenda and Setting of Ground Rules—UCR Plan Governance Task Force Chair**

*For Discussion and Possible Task Force Action*

The Governance Task Force Agenda will be reviewed, and the Task Force will consider adoption.

Ground Rules

➢ Task Force action only to be taken in designated areas on agenda

**IV. Approval of Minutes of the October 7, 2026, Task Force Meeting—UCR Governance Task Force Chair**

*For Discussion and Possible Task Force Action*

Draft Minutes from the October 7, 2026 UCR Task Force meeting will be reviewed. The Task Force will consider action to approve.

**V. Long-Term Strategic Planning for UCR Plan Partners—UCR Governance Task Force Chair**

*For Discussion and Possible Task Force Action*

The UCR Governance Task Force Chair will lead a discussion regarding the long-term evolution of the UCR Plan's key vendor partnerships, including the Executive Director role, Seikosoft and the next iteration of the National Registration System, DSL's service model, Kellen, and other strategic partners. The Governance Task Force may take action by recommending to the UCR Plan Board development in these and other roles that identify opportunities for further evaluation, and future planning activities to support continuity, innovation, and the UCR Plan's evolving needs.

**VI. Other Business—UCR Plan Governance Task Force Chair**

The UCR Plan Governance Task Force Chair will call for any other business, old or new, from the floor, including items from the previous Task Force meeting.