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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Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety, Chief Safety Officer.

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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.*