at Pokegema Yard, near Superior, Wisconsin.

The reason given for the proposed changes is to simplify operations and the physical plant.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System or Relief From the Requirements of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 236

Pursuant to Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 235 and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), the following railroad has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval for the discontinuance or modification of the signal system or relief from the requirements of 49 CFR part 236 as detailed below.

Docket No. FRA-2004-19467

Applicant: Canadian National Railroad, Wisconsin Central Division, Mr. John P. Rath, Manager of Signal Installations, Signal and Communications, 1625 Depot Street, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, 54481.

The Canadian National Railroad (CN) seeks approval for the proposed temporary discontinuance of the interlocked signal system, on the single main track movable bridge, at milepost 182.3 on the Wisconsin Central Division, Manistique Subdivision, at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, during the winter for approximately three months. The proposal is to lock down the bridge for rail traffic, and take the signal system out of service on or about February 1 of each year, for approximately three months once the canal is closed to marine traffic. In the spring, prior to restoring the signal system to service, the signal system will be completely tested in accordance with Federal Regulations.

The reason given for the proposed changes is that CN currently does not have approval to temporarily take the signal system out of service during the winter months, when the canal is closed to marine traffic. Historically, it has been the practice to suspend the signal system on this bridge during the winter, ever since the installation of the bridge signal system in 1962. FRA took exception to this practice in 2004, and this request is being made to attain compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System or Relief From the Requirements of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 236

Pursuant to Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 235 and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), the following railroad has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval for the discontinuance or modification of the signal system or relief from the requirements of 49 CFR part 236 as detailed below.

Docket Number FRA-2004-19465

Applicant: Central Oregon and Pacific Railroad, Mr. Dan Lovelady, General Manager, 333 S. E. Mosher, Roseburg, Oregon 97470.

The Central Oregon and Pacific Railroad seeks approval of the proposed discontinuance and removal of the automatic block signal system, on the main track between Roseburg, Oregon, milepost, 575.2 and Springfield, Oregon, milepost 644.0, on the System Division, Roseburg Subdivision, a distance of approximately 69 miles, and govern train movements by Track Warrant Control.

The reasons given for the proposed changes are the maximum authorized speed is 25 mph, only five trains daily operate over the trackage, the required capital expense for maintenance of the signal system, and the semaphore signals used on a portion of the line are obsolete and replacement parts are no longer available.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System or Relief From the Requirements of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 236

Pursuant to Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 235 and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), the following railroad has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval for the discontinuance or modification of the signal system or relief from the requirements of 49 CFR part 236 as detailed below.

Docket Number FRA-2004-19393

Applicant: CSX Transportation, Incorporated, Mr. N. M. Choat, Chief Engineer, Communications and Signal, 4901 Belfort Road, Suite 130, Jacksonville, Florida 32256.

CSX Transportation, Incorporated seeks approval of the proposed modification of the traffic control system, on the single main track, siding, and auxiliary track, on the LH & STL Subdivision, Louisville Service Lane, in Kentucky, consisting as follows:

1. At W.E. Maceo, milepost HR–104.5, convert the power-operated switch to electrically locked hand operation, remove the three associated controlled signals, and remove the signal system from the siding;

2. At E.E. Maceo, milepost HR–103.8, convert the power-operated switch to electrically locked hand operation, and remove the three associated controlled signals;

3. At Stephensport, milepost HR–65.2, convert the power-operated switch to hand operation, and remove the three associated controlled signals; and

4. Near milepost HR–63.2, remove back-to-back automatic intermediate signals No. 631 and No. 632.

The reason given for the proposed change is to eliminate facilities no longer needed in present day operation.

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