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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-2006-26718]

*Applicant:* CSX Transportation, Incorporated, Mr. C. M. King, Chief Engineer, Communications and Signals, 500 Water Street, SC J-350, Jacksonville, Florida 32202.

CSX Transportation, Incorporated, seeks approval of the proposed modification of the traffic control system on the single main track and siding near Woodbury, Georgia, Milepost ANB-798, on the Atlanta Division, Manchester Subdivision. The proposed changes consist of the conversion of each power-operated switch at each end of the 4,638-foot Woodbury siding to electrically locked hand operation and the discontinuance and removal of all the associated controlled signals.

The reason given for the proposed changes is that a new 10,000-foot signaled siding is being constructed approximately 4 miles south of the present Woodbury siding.

Any interested party desiring to protest the granting of an application shall set forth specifically the grounds upon which the protest is made and include a concise statement of the interest of the party in the proceeding. Additionally, one copy of the protest shall be furnished to the applicant at the address listed above.

All communications concerning this proceeding should be identified by docket number FRA-2006-26718 and may be submitted by one of the following methods:

Web site: <http://dms.dot.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic site;

Fax: 202-493-2251;

Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590; or Hand Delivery: Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA prior to final action being taken. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) at the above facility. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FRA wishes to inform all potential commenters that anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78) or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FRA expects to be able to determine these matters without an oral hearing. However, if a specific request for an oral hearing is accompanied by a showing that the party is unable to adequately present his or her position by written statements, an application may be set for public hearing.

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*Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

#### Debt Service Reserve Reimbursement Pilot Program

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Amendment of notice establishing Debt Service Reserve Pilot Program to include a class of participant; correction.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Transit Administration published in the **Federal Register** of December 28, 2006, a notice establishing the Debt Service Reserve Pilot Program as authorized under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act—a Legacy for Users. Inadvertently, an eligible class of participant in the pilot program was omitted. This document corrects that oversight.

**DATES:** Effective on February 13, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul L. Marx, 202-366-1675; E-MAIL: [paul.marx@dot.gov](mailto:paul.marx@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** FTA published a notice in the **Federal Register** of December 28, 2006, at 71 FR 78267-78268, to establish a Debt Service Reserve Pilot Program that allows certain public transportation providers to seek reimbursement of their deposits of bond proceeds in a debt service account. This correction extends eligibility to apply under the pilot program to "an entity engaged by such [i.e., eligible Formula Grant Program (Section 5307) recipient] provider to design, build, operate and maintain a project eligible under Section 5307." This eligibility is important because it provides additional opportunities for supporting public-private partnerships in public transportation. Further, typographical errors in the original notice are corrected.

1. In FR 71 published on December 28, 2006, (71 FR 78267) on page 78267, column 3, **SUMMARY**, remove "pubic" and insert in its place "public".

2. On page 78267, column 3, A. Authority, remove "5323(d)(4)" and insert in its place "5323(e)(3)".

3. On page 78268, column 1, section 1 (C), insert after "(Section 5307)": "(or an eligible entity engaged by such provider to design, build, operate and maintain a project eligible under Section 5307) \* \* \*"

4. On page 78268, column 1, section 1 (D), remove "blood" and insert in its place "bond".

A complete version of the **Federal Register** notice, revised to incorporate the changes described above, appears on

the FTA Web site at <http://www.fta.dot.gov>.

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**James S. Simpson,**  
Administrator.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Research and Innovative Technology Administration

[Docket Number: RITA-2007-27185]

#### Notice of Request for Approval To Collect Survey Data To Evaluate Close Call Reporting System for Railroad Operations

**AGENCY:** Volpe National Transportation Systems Center (Volpe Center), Research and Innovative Technology Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

*OMB Control Number:* New.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that the Volpe Center intends to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve a data collection effort to help in the evaluation of a five-year demonstration project focused on improving rail safety by analyzing information on close calls and other unsafe occurrences in the rail industry. The study is conducted by the Office of Human Factors in the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and is designed to identify safety issues and propose corrective actions based on voluntary reports of close calls submitted to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS). Because of the innovative nature of this program, the FRA is implementing an evaluation to determine whether the program is succeeding, how it can be improved, and what is needed to expand the program throughout the railroad industry. This collection is necessary to obtain the data needed to carry out the evaluation. This notice is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act.

*Data Confidentiality Provisions:* The Volpe Center will not release to FRA or any other public or private entity any information that might reveal the identity of individuals or organizations mentioned in the evaluation survey questionnaires. The respondents will not be asked to identify themselves.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by April 16, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** You can mail or hand-deliver comments to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT),

Dockets Management System (DMS). You may submit your comments by mail or in person to the Docket Clerk, Docket No. RITA-2007-27185, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Comments should identify the docket number; paper comments should be submitted in duplicate. The DMS is open for examination and copying, at the above address, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you wish to receive confirmation of receipt of your written comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped postcard with the following statement: "Comments on Docket RITA-2007-27185." The Docket Clerk will date stamp the postcard prior to returning it to you via the U.S. mail. Please note that due to delays in the delivery of U.S. mail to Federal offices in Washington, DC, we recommend that persons consider an alternative method (the Internet, fax, or professional delivery service) to submit comments to the docket and ensure their timely receipt at U.S. DOT. You may fax your comments to the DMS at (202) 493-2251.

If you wish to file comments using the Internet, you may use the DOT DMS Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Please follow the online instructions for submitting an electronic comment. You can also review comments on-line at the DMS Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Please note that anyone is able to electronically search all comments received into our docket management system by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; pages 19477-78) or you may review the Privacy Act Statement at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joyce Ranney, DTS 4G, Room 1-655A, Volpe Center; Kendall Square, 55 Broadway; Cambridge, MA 617-494-2095; FAX NO. (617) 494-3622; e-mail: [ranney@volpe.dot.gov](mailto:ranney@volpe.dot.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. The Data Collection

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35; as amended) and 5 CFR part 1320 require each Federal agency to obtain OMB approval to initiate an information collection activity. The Volpe Center is seeking OMB approval for the following Volpe Center information collection activity:

*Title:* Collect Close Call System Evaluation Survey Questionnaires.

*OMB Control Number:* New.  
*Type of Review:* Approval of data collection.

*Respondents:* Employees of selected (pilot) railroad sites.

*Number of Respondents:* 1200 (per annum).

*Estimated Time per Response:* 0.33 hours.

*Frequency:* Once at baseline. (Baseline includes three pilot sites with a total of 1200 respondents.)

*Total Annual Burden:* 400 hours.

#### Background

In the U.S. railroad industry, injury rates have been declining over the last 25 years. Indeed, the industry incident rate fell from a high of 12.1 incidents per 100 workers per year in 1978 to 3.66 in 1996. As the number of incidents has decreased, the mix of causes has also changed toward a higher proportion of incidents that can be attributed to human and organizational factors. This combination of trends—decrease in overall rates but increasing proportion of human factors-related incidents—has forced safety managers to shift tactics in order to achieve further reductions in the overall injury rate.

In recognition of the need for new approaches to improving safety, the FRA has instituted the Confidential Close Call Reporting System (C<sup>3</sup>RS). The operating assumption behind C<sup>3</sup>RS is that by assuring confidentiality, employees will report events, which, if dealt with, will decrease the likelihood of accidents. C<sup>3</sup>RS therefore has both a confidential reporting component, and a problem analysis/solution component. C<sup>3</sup>RS is expected to affect safety in two ways. First, it will lead to problem solving concerning specific safety conditions. Second, it will engender an organizational culture and climate that supports greater awareness of safety and a greater cooperative willingness to improve safety.

If C<sup>3</sup>RS works as intended, it could have an important impact on improving safety and safety culture in the railroad industry. While C<sup>3</sup>RS has been developed and implemented with the participation of the FRA, railroad labor, and railroad management, there are legitimate questions about whether it is being implemented in the most powerful way, and whether it will have its intended effect. Further, even if C<sup>3</sup>RS is successful, it will be necessary to know if it is successful enough to implement on a wide scale. To address these important questions, the FRA is implementing a formative evaluation to guide program development, a summative evaluation to assess impact, and a sustainability evaluation to