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- **Web site:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- **Fax:** 202-493-2251.
- **Mail:** Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

New River Railway Company (Docket Number FRA-2009-0005)

The New River Railway Company (NR) of Devonia, Tennessee, has petitioned for a permanent waiver of compliance for one locomotive (SOU 520) and two rail passenger coaches (NR 290 and NR 808) from the requirements of the Railroad Safety Glazing Standards, Title 49 CFR Part 223, which require certified glazing in all windows. The locomotive, as well as the two coaches, are in good condition with no defective glass.

NR operates between Huntsville and Devonia, Tennessee, a distance of approximately 32 miles, only on Saturday and Sunday. The territory is farm land, dense woodland and tall hills following NR. The operating speed is between 10 and 15 miles per hour (mph) and slowed down to 5 mph at times for passengers to view certain scenery. NR states that there is no history of vandalism involving their operations. NR also states that no one makes the safety glazing for the subject locomotive and the coaches because of the age of the equipment, and that to have the glazing specially made to FRA specifications for this equipment could cost more than the equipment would be worth to start with.

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