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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2019-0042]

Petition for Extension of Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by letter dated October 8, 2024, Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad, Inc. (BPRR) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for an extension

of a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 240 (Qualification and Certification of Locomotive Engineers) and part 242 (Qualification and Certification of Conductors). The relevant Docket Number is FRA-2019-0042.

Specifically, BPRR requests relief required to continue participation in FRA's Confidential Close Call Reporting System (C³RS) Program. BPRR seeks to continue shielding reporting employees from mandatory punitive sanctions that would otherwise arise as provided in §§ 240.117(e)(1)-(4); 240.305(a)(1)-(4) and (a)(6); 240.307; 242.403(b), (c), (e)(1)-(4), (e)(6)-(11), (f)(1)-(2); and 242.407. The C³RS Program encourages certified operating crew members to report close calls and protects the employees and the railroad from discipline or sanctions arising from the incidents reported per the C³RS Implementing Memorandum of Understanding (IMOU).

In support of its request, the petition stated that BPRR's benefits from the C³RS program have prompted "other railroad subsidiaries under Genesee & Wyoming [Inc.] . . . to adopt C³RS." BPRR also stated that itself and "participating parties continue to believe that the C³RS program provides tangible benefits and improves employee and public safety."

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov.

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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2024-0004]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Notice and Request for Comment; National Roadside Survey of Alcohol and Drug Prevalence of Road Users: 2025

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice and request for public comment on proposed new collection of information.

SUMMARY: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) invites public comments about our intention to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a new information collection. Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from OMB. Under procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatement of previously approved collections. This document describes a collection of information for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval for a National Roadside Survey (NRS) of alcohol and other drug prevalence among drivers and other road users (ORUs; e.g., pedestrians, bicyclists, electric scooter riders, and those with mobility aids. NHTSA will conduct two studies. Study 1 will focus on drivers but include