

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

**SUMMARY:** This document provides the public with notice that, on September 2, 2022, BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) submitted a request for amendment (RFA) to its FRA-approved Positive Train Control Safety Plan (PTCSP). As this RFA may involve a request for FRA's approval of proposed material modifications to an FRA-certified positive train control (PTC) system, FRA is publishing this notice and inviting public comment on the railroad's RFA to its PTCSP.

**DATES:** FRA will consider comments received by October 3, 2022. FRA may consider comments received after that date to the extent practicable and without delaying implementation of valuable or necessary modifications to a PTC system.

**ADDRESSES:** *Comments:* Comments 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 the applicable docket number. The relevant PTC docket number for this host railroad is Docket No. FRA-2010-0056. For convenience, all active PTC dockets are hyperlinked on FRA's website at <https://railroads.dot.gov/train-control/ptc/ptc-annual-and-quarterly-reports>. All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>; this includes any personal information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gabe Neal, Staff Director, Signal, Train Control, and Crossings Division, telephone: 816-516-7168, email: [Gabe.Neal@dot.gov](mailto:Gabe.Neal@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In general, title 49 United States Code (U.S.C.) section 20157(h) requires FRA to certify that a host railroad's PTC system complies with title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 236, subpart I, before the technology may be operated in revenue service. Before making certain changes to an FRA-certified PTC system or the associated FRA-approved PTCSP, a host railroad must submit, and obtain FRA's approval of, an RFA to its PTCSP under 49 CFR 236.1021.

Under 49 CFR 236.1021(e), FRA's regulations provide that FRA will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** and invite public comment in accordance with 49 CFR part 211, if an RFA includes a request for approval of a material modification of a signal and train control system. Accordingly, this notice informs the public that, on

September 2, 2022, BNSF submitted an RFA to its PTCSP for its Interoperable Electronic Train Management System (I-ETMS) and that RFA is available in Docket No. FRA-2010-0056.

Interested parties are invited to comment on BNSF's RFA to its PTCSP by submitting written comments or data. During FRA's review of this railroad's RFA, FRA will consider any comments or data submitted within the timeline specified in this notice and to the extent practicable, without delaying implementation of valuable or necessary modifications to a PTC system. See 49 CFR 236.1021; see also 49 CFR 236.1011(e). Under 49 CFR 236.1021, FRA maintains the authority to approve, approve with conditions, or deny a railroad's RFA to its PTCSP at FRA's sole discretion.

#### Privacy Act Notice

In accordance with 49 CFR 211.3, FRA solicits comments from the public to better inform its decisions. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to <https://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 <https://www.regulations.gov/privacy-notice> for the privacy notice of [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). To facilitate comment tracking, we encourage commenters to provide their name, or the name of their organization; however, submission of names is completely optional. If you wish to provide comments containing proprietary or confidential information, please contact FRA for alternate submission instructions.

Issued in Washington, DC.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2022-0002-N-15]

#### Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) and its

implementing regulations, this notice announces that FRA is forwarding the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the information collection and its expected burden. On April 28, 2022, FRA published a notice providing a 60-day period for public comment on the ICR.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 12, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed ICR should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find the particular ICR by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Hodan Wells, Information Collection Clearance Officer, at email: [Hodan.Wells@dot.gov](mailto:Hodan.Wells@dot.gov) or telephone: (202) 868-9412.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520, and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to issue two notices seeking public comment on information collection activities before OMB may approve paperwork packages. See 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.8 through 1320.12. On April 28, 2022, FRA published a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** soliciting comment on the ICR for which it is now seeking OMB approval. See 87 FR 25342. FRA received no comments related to the proposed collection of information.

Before OMB decides whether to approve the proposed collection of information, it must provide 30 days for public comment. Federal law requires OMB to approve or disapprove paperwork packages between 30 and 60 days after the 30-day notice is published. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b)-(c); 5 CFR 1320.12(a); see also 60 FR 44978, 44983 (Aug. 29, 1995). OMB believes the 30-day notice informs the regulated community to file relevant comments and affords the agency adequate time to digest public comments before it renders a decision. 60 FR 44983 (Aug. 29, 1995). Therefore, respondents should submit their respective comments to OMB within 30 days of publication to best ensure having their full effect.

*Comments are invited on the following ICR regarding:* (1) whether the information collection activities are necessary for FRA to properly execute its functions, including whether the

information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of FRA's estimates of the burden of the information collection activities, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimates; (3) ways for FRA to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of information collection activities on the public, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The summary below describes the ICR that FRA will submit for OMB clearance as the PRA requires:

*Title:* System for Telephonic Notification of Unsafe Conditions at Highway-Rail and Pathway Grade Crossings.

*OMB Control Number:* 2130-0591.

*Abstract:* The collection of information set forth under 49 CFR part 234 is used by FRA to ensure that the Congressional mandate<sup>1</sup> to require railroad carriers to establish and maintain a toll-free telephone service to report unsafe conditions at highway-rail and pathway grade crossings is carried out. This information is used by railroads to investigate and respond to unsafe conditions and thereby reduce the risk of accidents/incidents and corresponding casualties and property damage at such crossings. Additionally, law enforcement authorities use the information to direct vehicular traffic or carry out other activities to maintain safety at the highway-rail grade crossing or pathway grade crossing.

*Type of Request:* Extension without change (with changes in estimates) of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Businesses.

*Form(s):* N/A.

*Respondent Universe:* 621 railroads.

*Frequency of Submission:* On occasion.

*Total Estimated Annual Responses:* 163,996.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden:* 13,649 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden Hour Dollar Cost Equivalent:* \$985,062.

FRA informs all interested parties that it may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, a collection of information that does not display a currently valid OMB control number.

*Authority:* 4 U.S.C. 3501-3520.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[PHMSA-2019-0098]

#### Lithium Battery Air Safety Advisory Committee; Notice of Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Lithium Battery Air Safety Advisory Committee (Committee).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on October 20, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. Requests to attend the meeting must be sent by October 5, 2022, to the point of contact identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Persons requesting to speak during the meeting must submit a written copy of their remarks to DOT by October 5, 2022. Requests to submit written materials to be reviewed during the meeting must be received no later than October 5, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held during the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) hosted Tenth Triennial International Fire & Cabin Safety Research Conference in Atlantic City, NJ.<sup>1</sup> A virtual attendance option will also be available. Specific details on location and access to this hybrid meeting will be posted on the Committee website located at: <https://www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/rulemakings/lithium-battery-safety-advisory-committee>. The E-Gov website is located at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Mailed written comments intended for the Committee should be sent to Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steven Webb or Aaron Wiener, PHMSA, U.S. Department of Transportation. Telephone: (202) 366-8553. Email: [lithiumbatteryFACA@dot.gov](mailto:lithiumbatteryFACA@dot.gov). Any

committee-related request should be sent to the email address listed in this section.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The Lithium Battery Air Safety Advisory Committee was created under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA, Pub. L. 92-463), in accordance with Section 333(d) of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-254).

##### II. Agenda

The meeting agenda will address the following duties of the Committee as specifically outlined in Section 333(d) of the FAA Reauthorization Act:

(a) Facilitate communication among manufacturers of lithium batteries and products containing lithium batteries, air carriers, and the federal government.

(b) Discuss the effectiveness and the economic and social impacts of lithium battery transportation regulations.

(c) Provide the Secretary with information regarding new technologies and transportation safety practices.

(d) Provide a forum to discuss Departmental activities related to lithium battery transportation safety.

(e) Advise and recommend activities to improve the global enforcement of air transportation of lithium batteries, and the effectiveness of those regulations.

(f) Provide a forum for feedback on potential U.S. positions to be taken at international forums.

(g) Guide activities to increase awareness of relevant requirements.

(h) Review methods to decrease the risk posed by undeclared hazardous materials.

A final agenda will be posted on the Lithium Battery Air Safety Advisory Committee website at least 15 days in advance of the meeting.

##### III. Public Participation

The meeting will be open to the public. DOT is committed to providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, such as sign language, interpretation, or other ancillary aids, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section no later than October 5, 2022.

To accommodate as many speakers as possible, time for each commenter may be limited. There will be five minutes allotted for oral comments from members of the public joining the meeting. Individuals wishing to reserve speaking time during the meeting must submit a request at the time of registration, as well as the name,

<sup>1</sup> Section 205 of the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008, Public Law 110-432, Division A (October 16, 2008).

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.fire.tc.faa.gov/2022Conference/conference.asp>.