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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2019-0079]

Petition for Special Approval

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on September 17, 2019, the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a special approval pursuant to the requirements in 49 CFR part 238, *Passenger Equipment Car Safety Standards*. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2019-0079. FRA notes that the equipment for which this special approval is sought is the subject of an existing waiver in Docket Number FRA-2016-0076.

Specifically, SEPTA seeks relief from 49 CFR 238.135(b), which requires that all passenger train exterior side doors and trap doors must be closed when a train is in motion between stations. SEPTA seeks special approval of alternative compliance pursuant to § 238.21(c) for its fleet of Silverliner V cars due to the cars' unique construction.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting

written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested parties desire an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- 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.
- Hand Delivery: 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

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