DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2010-0093]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on August 9, 2020, Virginia & Truckee Railroad Company (VTRR) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 215, Railroad Freight Car Safety Standards. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2010-0093.

Specifically, VTRR seeks to extend its previous special approval under 49 CFR 215.203, Restricted cars, and relief from 49 CFR 215.303, Stenciling of restricted cars, for three overage freight cars: caboose V&T 50, open air car V&T 55, and boxcar V&T 54. It also requests to add one car, caboose V&T 25, to the current docket. All cars are owned by VTRR and are not interchanged in regular freight operations with other railroads.

VTRR explains it conducts annual comprehensive shop inspections and detailed center plate inspections and maintains and services the cars in compliance with all applicable regulations with the exception of the relief granted.

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

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

Communications received by [INSERT DATE 45 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any
personal information the commenter provides, to 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 also

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