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Administration

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Dear Mr. Norwood:

This letter responds to the Gravity Rail submission dated March 1, 2021, to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval of its Engineer Certification Program received by FRA on March 21, 2021. Gravity Rail has complied with FRA's procedures for submission and approval of programs described in Appendix B to 49 CFR part 240.

FRA reviewed the railroad's program and determined that the railroad's program conforms with the requirements of 49 CFR part 240 for the reasons discussed below.

Your submission package states that no labor organizations are representing the railroad's employees.

The program is consistent with the model of approved railroad programs. FRA understands that the model programs are intended to provide more detail to the engineer certification process and updated contact information. The improvements enhance qualifications for DLSE's. Standards have been set with regards to re-qualifying over a specific territory. Detailed training standards have been established in Section five of your engineer training program.

Please continue in your efforts to improve railroad safety on your system.

Please contact me with any questions regarding this submission at (202) 366-0978 or FRAOPCERTPROG@dot.gov or Kevin.Lewis@dot.gov

Sincerely,

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