

U.S. Department Of Transportation

Federal Railroad Administration

Mr. Doug Shiver. Pixelle Specialty Solutions Program Administrator 228 S. Main Street Spring Grove, PA 17362

April 24, 2021

Dear Mr. Shiver:

This letter responds to the Pixelle Specialty Solutions Railroad submission dated March 15, 2021, to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval of its Conductor Certification Program received by FRA on April 24, 2021. Pixelle Specialty Solutions has complied with FRA's procedures for submission and approval of programs is described in appendix B to 49 CFR part 242. FRA reviewed the railroad's program modification and determined that the railroad's program modification conforms with the requirements of 49 CFR part 242 for the reasons discussed below.

Your submission states that on March 16, 2021, the railroad provided a copy of its program modification to Mr. Jim Arnold, President of United Steel Worker Local 10-1013 organization representing the railroad's employees. FRA received no comments on the program or program modification by the labor organizations

The program is consistent with the model of the previously approved Class III railroad programs. FRA understands that the modifications are intended to provide more detail to the conductor certification process and update contact information.

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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