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Administration

Mr. Stephen Reaves
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May 13, 2021

Dear Mr. Reaves:

This letter responds to Amtrak's (ATK) submission dated May 5, 2021, to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval of its material modifications to the Engineer Certification Program received by FRA on May 5, 2021. Amtrak 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 modification and determined that the railroad's program modification conforms with the requirements of 49 CFR part 240 for the reasons discussed below.

Your submission states that on May 5, 2021, the railroad provided a copy of its program modification to Mr. Dennis Pierce, President of BLE, an organization representing the railroad's employees. FRA received no comments on the program or program modification by the labor organization.

FRA understands that the modifications provide updated information to the selection of Designated Supervisor of Locomotive Engineers certification process. Additional modifications to the submission also addressed updated information regarding familiarization. Skill testing standards have been redesigned to meet current operations to qualifying over territory. 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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