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Dear Mr. Jimenez:

This letter responds to the Bombardier – Metro Link (SCAX) submission dated January 4, 2021, to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval of its material modifications to the Engineer Certification Program received by FRA on January 4, 2021. FRA's procedures for submission and approval of programs as 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 January 4, 2021, the railroad provided a copy of its program modification to Joe Fraley, SMART General Chairman General Committee No.1, representing the railroad's employees. FRA received no comments on the program or program modifications by the labor organization

The program modifications are consistent with the model of the previously approved railroad programs. FRA understands that the modifications are intended to provide more detail to the engineer certification process and updated contact information. Additional modifications to the submission also addressed deficiencies with the standard requirements of 49 CFR part 240, Appendix B. The improvements enhance qualifications for DLSE's. The minimum duration of annual monitoring rides is clearly defined. Detailed training standards have been established in Section 5 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.

Sincerely,

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