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Mr. W. Fred Cruz  
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Dear Mr. Cruz:

This letter responds to the New Jersey Transit submission dated May 26, 2022, to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval of its material modifications to the Engineer Certification Program received by FRA on May 26, 2022. (NJT) has complied with 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 modifications and determined that the railroad's program modifications conform with the requirements of 49 CFR part 240 for the reasons discussed below.

Your submission states that on May 26, 2022, the railroad provided a copy of its program modification to Mr. Dennis Pierce, President of BLE, and Mr. Jeremy Ferguson, President of SMART-TD labor organization representing the railroad's employees. FRA received no comments on the program or program modification by the labor organizations.

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. Additional modifications to the submission also addressed deficiencies with the standard requirements of 49 CFR part 240, Appendix B. Section 7 of your program provide the procedures required under Appendix B.

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](mailto:FRAOPCERTPROG@dot.gov) or [Kevin.Lewis@dot.gov](mailto:Kevin.Lewis@dot.gov)

Sincerely,

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