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Antoinette Walker Principal Program and Training Coordinator Port Authority Trans Hudson Corp 1 PATH Plaza Jersey City, NJ, 07306

August 30, 2022

Dear Ms. Walker:

This letter responds to Port Authority Trans Hudson's (PATH) submission dated August 30, 2022, to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval of its material modifications to the PATH Conductor Certification Program received by FRA on August 19, 2022, 2022. (PATH) has complied with FRA's procedures for submission and approval of programs as 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 August 22, 2022, the railroad provided a copy of its program modification to Mr. Carlton A. Williams, General Chairman, SMART-UTU, and Mr. A1i Blakey III, Chairman, BLET Local 497 PATH. 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 Class III railroad programs.

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

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

Sincerely,

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pp Christian Holt Operating Practices Staff Director August 30, 2022