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Mr. Bryan Hammond - Safety Manager (HTSI)
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October 20, 2022

Dear Mr. Hammond:

This letter responds to the Herzog Transit Services (HTSI) & South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) submission dated October 19, 2022, to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval for the Engineer Certification Program received by FRA on July 12, 2022. (HTSI) 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 conforms with the requirements of 49 CFR part 240 for the reasons discussed below.

Your submission states that on July 13, 2022, the railroad provided a copy of its program modification to Mr. Jeremy Ferguson, President of SMART-TD, and John McCloskey – General Chairman 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 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. Standards have been set with regard to re-qualifying over a specific territory. Detailed training standards have been established in 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 or Kevin.Lewis@dot.gov

Sincerely,

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