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December 14, 2022

Dear Mr. Gallup :

This letter responds to the Long Island Railroad (LIRR) Conductor Certification program dated December 14, 2022, to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). LIRR is seeking approval of its material modifications to the LIRR Conductor Certification Program received by FRA on March 31, 2022. LIRR has complied with FRA's procedures for submission and approval of this addendum as described in Appendix B 49 CFR part 242.

Your submission states that on March 14, 2022, the railroad provided a copy of its program to Mr. Anthony Simon, General Chairman of SMART-TD Division 505, and Mr. Vincent Tessitore, Vice General Chairman of SMART-TD Division 505, which is the labor organization representing the railroad's employees. FRA received no comments on the program or program modifications from the labor organization.

FRA reviewed the railroad's program modifications and determined the railroad's qualification process for conductors working on the LIRR meets the requirements of 49 CFR Part 242. The LIRR modifications are consistent with FRA-approved railroad programs. FRA understands that the changes are intended to provide clear and detailed procedures for the LIRR conductor training.

Please contact me with any questions regarding this submission at (918) 557-0651 or <u>FRAOPCERTPROG@dot.gov</u> or <u>Kevin.Lewis@dot.gov</u>

Sincerely,

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