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December 14, 2022

Dear Mr. Becker :

This letter responds to the Long Island Railroad (LIRR) Engineer Certification program dated December 14, 2022, to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). LIRR is seeking approval of its material modifications to the LIRR Engineer Certification Program received by FRA on February 28, 2022. LIRR has complied with FRA's procedures for submission and approval of this addendum as described in Appendix B 49 CFR part 240.

Your submission states that on February 28, 2022, the railroad provided a copy of its program to Mr. Kevin Sexton, General Chairman of BLET Division 269, and Mr. Eric Martin, First Vice General Chairman of BLET Division 269, 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 240. 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 Engineer 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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