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Dear Mr. Gallup:

This letter responds to the Long Island Railroad (LIRR) submission dated 2023 to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval of its material modifications to the LIRR Conductor Certification Program received by FRA on March 3, 2023. LIRR has complied with FRA's procedures for submitting and approving programs 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 February 2, 2023, the railroad provided a copy of its program modification to Mr. Anthony Simon, General Chairman, and Mr. Vincent Tessitore, Vice General Chairman, 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 Class III railroad programs. FRA understands that the modifications are intended to provide more detail to the conductor certification process and update contact information. Additional modifications to the submission also addressed deficiencies with the standard requirements of 49 CFR part 242, appendix B.

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

Please contact me with any questions regarding this submission at (918) 557-0651 or [FRAOPCERTPROG@dot.gov](mailto:FRAOPCERTPROG@dot.gov) or [Kevin.Lewis@dot.gov](mailto:Kevin.Lewis@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

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