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Dear Mr. Riley:

This letter responds to the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Engineer Certification submission on May 14, 2024, to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval of its material modifications to the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Engineer Certification Program received by FRA on May 14, 2024. Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Railroad 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 modifications conform with the requirements of 49 CFR part 240 for the reasons discussed below.

Your submission package states that no labor organizations represent the railroad's employees.

The program modifications are in line with the model of the previously approved railroad programs. It is understood that these modifications aim to provide more comprehensive details about the engineer certification process and updated contact information. Furthermore, the submission has addressed deficiencies with the standard requirements of 49 CFR part 240, appendix B, through additional modifications. These improvements notably enhance qualifications for DLSEs and establish standards for re-qualifying over a specific territory. Section Five of your engineer training program has also set detailed training standards.

We commend your ongoing efforts to enhance railroad safety on your system. Your commitment to this crucial aspect of your operations is highly appreciated and we encourage you to continue in this direction.

Please get in touch with us with any questions regarding this submission at (202) 366-0978 or FRAOPCERTPROG@dot.gov or Kevin.Lewis@dot.gov or Kurt.Erickson@dot.gov

Sincerely,

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