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

The program modifications, which have been approved, are consistent with the model of the previously approved Class III railroad programs. These changes, as stated in your submission, are intended to provide more detail to the conductor certification process and update contact information. Furthermore, additional modifications have been made to address deficiencies with the standard requirements of 49 CFR part 242, appendix B. Standards have been set regarding re-qualifying over a specific territory, and detailed training standards have been established in Section Four of your conductor training program.

We appreciate your commitment to improving railroad safety on your system. We encourage you to continue these efforts, as they play a crucial role in maintaining the highest safety standards in the industry.

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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