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Dear Ms. McLaughlin:

This letter responds to the Western New York & Pennsylvania Railroad, LLC (WNYP) submission dated May 13, 2024, to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval of its material modifications to the WNYP Engineer Certification Program received by FRA on May 13, 2024. WNYP has complied with FRA's procedures for submitting and approving 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 states that on May 13, 2024, the railroad provided a copy of its program modification to Mr. L. Randy Fannon, Department Head-National Short Line Division of BLET, 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 railroad programs. FRA understands that the modifications are intended to provide more detail to the engineer certification process and updated contact information. Additional modifications to the submission also addressed deficiencies with the standard requirements of 49 CFR part 240, appendix B. The improvements enhance qualifications for DLSEs. Standards have been set concerning re-qualifying over a specific territory. Detailed training standards have been established in Section Five of your engineer training program.

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

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

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