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Mr. Tom Meierhoff
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Dear Mr. Meierhoff:

This letter responds to Iowa Interstate Railroad's (IAIS) submission, dated November 15, 2024, to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), requesting approval of its material modification to the IAIS Engineer Certification Program. FRA received this submission on November 11, 2024. IAIS has adhered to FRA's procedures for submitting and approving program modifications, as outlined in Appendix B to 49 CFR Part 240. After review, FRA has determined that IAIS's program modifications comply with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 240 for the reasons detailed below.

Your submission, along with the accompanying email, notes that on November 11, 2024, IAIS provided a copy of its program modification to the Transportation Communications Union (TCU), representing the Locomotive Servicing Engineers. TCU has accepted the changes to the number of questions on the final exam. Other administrative changes have been noted.

These modifications are consistent with the model of previously approved railroad programs. Please continue your efforts to enhance railroad safety within your system.

Please contact 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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