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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Notice of Request for an Extension of an Informational Filing

In accordance with Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 236.913, notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has received a request for extension of an informational filing from the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) to permit continued field testing of the railroad's processor-based train control systems. For informational purposes only, the original informational filing is briefly described below, including the submitting party and the requisite docket number where the original informational filing, the informational filing extension request and any related information may be found. These documents are also available for public inspection; however, FRA is not accepting public comment on the documents.

Union Pacific Railroad Company

[Docket Number FRA-2007-27322]

UP has submitted an informational filing to FRA to permit field testing of the railroad's processor-based train control systems identified as Vital-Train Management System (V-TMS). The informational filing addresses the requirements under 49 CFR 236.913(j)(1).

Specifically, the informational filing contains a description of the V-TMS product and an operational concepts document, pursuant to 49 CFR 236.913(j)(1). V-TMS is a locomotive-centric, vital train control system designed to be overlaid on existing methods of operation and intended to provide a high level of railroad safety through enforcement of authority limits, permanent speed restrictions and temporary speed restrictions.

UP requests that the formal test and demonstration period for this informational filing be extended until December 31, 2015, or until such time as this informational filing is superseded by an FRA approved PTC Implementation Plan.

Interested parties are invited to review the informational filing and associated documents at the following locations:

- *Web site:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for a simple search on the

DOT electronic docket site (Docket Number FRA-2007-27322). All documents in the public docket that are associated with the informational filing are available on the web site for inspection and copying.

- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* U.S. Department of

Transportation, Docket Operations, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

You may review the DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78). The Statement may also be found at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2009 0091]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel MER SEA.

SUMMARY: As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-built requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below. The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2009-0091 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388 (68 FR 23084; April 30, 2003), that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the

docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

DATES: Submit comments on or before November 12, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2009-XXXX. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joann Spittle, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W21-203, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-5979.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant, the intended service of the vessel MER SEA is:

Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:
"Private charters in Southern California."

Geographic Region: "California".

Privacy Act

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78).

Dated: October 5, 2009.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Christine Gurland,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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