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January 25, 2024

Dear Mr. Tague,

This letter responds to the Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation (NIRC) submission dated January 25, 2024, to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval of its material modifications to the NIRC Engineer Certification Program received by FRA on December 6, 2023. NIRC 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 states that on December 6, 2023, the railroad provided a copy of its program modification to Mr. Edward Hall, President of BLE, representing the railroad's employees. FRA received no comments on the program or program modification by the labor organization.

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. 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 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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