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Federal Railroad Administration

Antoinette Walker Port Authority Trans Hudson Corp. Principal Program & Training Coordinator 1 PATH Plaza, 7th Floor Jersey City, New Jersey 07306

Ms. Walker,

This letter responds to the Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corp. (PATH) submission dated February 6, 2025, seeking approval of material modifications to the PATH Conductor Certification Program. FRA received the submission on February 10, 2025.

PATH has complied with the procedures outlined in Appendix B to 49 CFR Part 242 for the submission and approval of program modifications. After reviewing the proposed changes, FRA has determined that the modifications conform to the requirements of 49 CFR Part 242, as explained below. FRA received no comments regarding the program or its modifications from the labor organizations representing PATH's transportation employees.

The submitted modifications are consistent with the structure of previously approved programs. FRA understands that these changes are intended to enhance the clarity of the conductor certification process and update contact information. Additionally, the submission addresses previous deficiencies related to the standard requirements outlined in Appendix B to Part 242.

FRA encourages you to continue your efforts to improve safety across your railroad operations.

Please contact us with questions regarding this submission at (918) 557-0651 or <u>FRAOPCERTPROG@dot.gov</u> or <u>Kevin.Lewis@dot.gov</u> or <u>Kurt.Erickson@dot.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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