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Dear Mr. Gilbert:

This letter responds to the Fore River Transportation Corp. (FRVT) submission dated February 18, 2025, to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), seeking approval of FRVT's material modifications to the FRVT Engineer Certification Program, received by FRA on the same date. FRVT has complied with the 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 they conform to the requirements of 49 CFR part 240 for the reasons discussed below.

Your submission states that on February 18, 2025, the railroad provided copies of its program modification to Mr. Christopher Lawrence, General Chairperson and President of the SMART-TD labor organization, which represents the railroad's employees. FRA received no comments on the program or program modification from the labor organizations.

The program modifications are consistent with the model of the previously approved railroad programs. FRA understands that the modifications will provide more details about 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. Section Five of your engineer training program has established detailed training standards.

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](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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