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Mr. Scruggs:

This letter responds to the Southern California Regional Railroad Association (SCRRA) submission dated March 26, 2025, to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval of its material modifications to the SCAX Metrolink Conductor Certification Program received by FRA on March 26, 2025. SCAX/ Alstom / TCS has complied with FRA's procedures for submission and approval of programs as described in Appendix B to 49 CFR part 242. FRA reviewed the railroad's program modifications and determined that the railroad's program modifications conform to the requirements of 49 CFR part 242.

FRA recognizes that Alstom / TCS has provided a copy of the Conductor Certification Program to John McCloskey, General Chairman of the SMART Union representing employees subject to 49 CFR Part 242, and has submitted written notification to FRA; FRA received no comments.

The program meets the requirements of 49 CFR part 242, Appendix B. Clearly, it defines the recertification and training requirements of Alstom Mechanical employees working as conductors under the prescribed circumstances stated in Section One of this program. This mechanical conductor certification program provides a precise path for mechanical employees to become qualified and properly authorized to operate equipment within the limits as described in Section One of this program.

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

Sincerely,

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