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Dear Mr. Horner

This letter responds to the Canton Railroad Company (CTN) submission dated May 12, 2025, to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval of its material modifications to the CTN Engineer Certification Program received by FRA on May 12, 2025. CTN 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 May 12, 2024, the railroad provided a copy of its program modification to Mr. Robert Levine Jr., Local Chairman, and Mr. Tom Gholoson, General Chairman, and Mr. Michael Coleman, Union President, of the SMART-TD labor organization, which represents the railroad's employees. FRA received no comments on the program or modifications 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 requalifying 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 or Kevin.Lewis@dot.gov or Kurt.Erickson@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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