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Ms. Nielson:

This letter responds to WATCO Companies LLC's Railroads' submissions dated September 23, 2025, seeking approval of its Engineer Certification Program under 49 CFR Part 240 and its Conductor Certification Program under 49 CFR Part 242. FRA received both submissions on September 22, 2025.

FRA reviewed the submitted programs and confirmed that each complies with the requirements of Parts 240 and 242, as detailed in Appendix B of the applicable regulations. FRA did not receive any comments within the 45-day period from the labor organizations representing the railroad employees on two railroads within the WATCO portfolio.

Both the engineer and conductor programs are consistent with the models used by previously approved Class III railroads. FRA notes that the updated submissions provide additional detail to both the engineer and conductor certification processes, including revised contact information.

Please continue your efforts to enhance railroad safety and maintain compliance with FRA's certification regulations.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact us at (918) 557-0651, or via email at FRAOPCERTPROG@dot.gov, Kevin.Lewis@dot.gov, or Kurt.Erickson@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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