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Ms. Walker:

This letter responds to Port Authority Trans Hudson Corporation's submissions dated October 27, 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 October 27, 2025. FRA has not received any comments from either of the labor organizations, BLET or SMART, that represent your transportation employees.

FRA reviewed the submitted programs and determined that each conforms to the applicable requirements of Parts 240 and 242, as outlined in Appendix B to the respective regulations.

Both programs align with the models used by previously approved commuter railroads. FRA notes that the updated submissions offer more detail on both the engineer and conductor certification processes. Please continue your efforts to improve railroad safety and stay compliant 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](mailto:FRAOPCERTPROG@dot.gov), [Kevin.Lewis@dot.gov](mailto:Kevin.Lewis@dot.gov), or [Kurt.Erickson@dot.gov](mailto:Kurt.Erickson@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

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