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Mr. Foster:

This letter responds to Lake State Railway (LSRC) submissions 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 28, 2025.

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. Your submission also includes a letter of notification to SMART-TD, the labor organization that represents the railroad's employees.

Both 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](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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