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Dear Mr. Hammett:

This letter responds to the BNSF Railway Submission Version 9.0 dated February 8, 2021, to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval of its material modifications to the Engineer Certification Program received by FRA on February 8, 2021. 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 modification and determined that the railroad's program modification conforms with the requirements of 49 CFR part 240 for the reasons discussed below.

On February 8, 2021, the railroad provided an email in which the railroad provided a copy of its program modifications to BLE and SMART, each labor organization's presidents representing the railroad's employees. FRA received no comments on the program or program modifications.

The program modifications are consistent with the model of the previously approved railroad programs. FRA understands that the changes are intended to provide more detail to the engineer certification process and updated contact information. Additional modifications to the submission also addressed training specifics in section 5 of the program regarding on-the-job training for train service engineers. Also, electronic certificates CFR 240.223 may now be utilized under this approved program. Please continue in your efforts to improve railroad safety on your system.

Please contact me with any questions regarding this submission at (202) 366-0978 or FRAOPCERTPROG@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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FRA Program Manager – Certification

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