

Reply to Attn. of: S-99-04

Subject: Clarification to Application of 49 CFR Section §236.407

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The S&TC Technical Resolution Committee meeting in Omaha, Nebraska the week of August 16, 1999, acted on a request for clarification of the application of 49 CFR Section §236.407. The matter before the committee was to determine if the requirements of this rule are applicable to a location where the route can be changed through the use of a hand-operated switch.

The existing application language was edited to provide further clarification by adding language, which is in bold face type.

236.407 Approach or time locking; where required.

This rule requires that approach or time locking be provided for each controlled signal where route or direction of traffic can be changed.

Application:

This rule applies to all controlled signals at controlled points where route can be changed, **regardless of the type of switch used**, or where direction of traffic can be changed. This rule does not apply to so called "holding signals" between controlled points where the direction of traffic cannot be changed.