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NOTICE

The FRA Administrator's Declaration of Emergency Event

Pursuant to Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 211.45, the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) Administrator, Joseph Szabo, has determined that current conditions of extreme cold, ice, and severe winter weather in various parts of the United States constitute an "emergency event" as related to railroad operations. In making this determination, the Administrator notes that the National Weather Service has documented severe winter weather effects, including the following: heavy snow from the Rockies to the Upper Midwest, coupled with record low temperatures; snow, sleet, and freezing rain from the Southern Plains to the Ohio Valley; and unusually low temperatures in the lower Mississippi Valley, Texas, and Oklahoma. The states of Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and Tennessee have declared states of emergency because of the extreme winter weather from this storm system. Therefore, the Administrator has activated the *Emergency Relief Docket* (FRA-2013-0001) as of December 6, 2013, and the emergency relief provisions of 49 CFR § 211.45 are in effect.