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Mr. Mark Fleming
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March 14, 2021

Dear Mr. Fleming:

This letter responds to the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District Railroad (NICTD) submission dated February 25, 2021, to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval of its material modifications to the NICTD Conductor Certification Program received by FRA on February 25, 2021. (NICTD) has complied with FRA's procedures for submission and approval of programs as described in appendix B to 49 CFR part 242. FRA reviewed the railroad's program modifications and determined that the railroad's modifications conform with the requirements of 49 CFR part 242 for the reasons discussed below.

Your submission states that on October 2, 2020, the railroad provided a copy of its program modification to Ms. Allison Haynes and Gregory Eisele SMART-local 1526, representing the railroad's employees. FRA received no comments on the program or program modification by the labor organizations.

The program modifications are consistent with the model of the previously approved Commuter Railroad programs. FRA understands that the modifications are intended to provide more detail to the conductor certification process and update contact information. Additional modifications to the submission also addressed deficiencies with the standard requirements of 49 CFR part 242, appendix B.

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 or Kevin.Lewis@dot.gov

Sincerely,

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