

## **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 C. Szabo, has determined that the severe winter storms in the Plains and the Midwest United States, including Colorado, Iowa, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, and Illinois constitute an "emergency event" as related to railroad operations. In making this determination, the Administrator notes that the Governors of the affected States have declared states of emergency and/or have activated the Emergency Operations Centers. Therefore, the Administrator has activated the *Emergency Relief Docket* (FRA-2013-0001) as of February 21, 2013, and the emergency relief provisions of 49 CFR § 211.45 are in effect.