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This reply is in response to the Florida East Coast Railway's (FECR) September 3, 2014, petition, subsequently amended in letters dated July 16, 2015, June 7, 2016, and October 25, 2016, to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) requesting approval for FECR to carry, in common carrier rail service, Methane, refrigerated liquid *or* Natural gas, refrigerated liquid, UN1972, Div. 2.1 (commonly known as liquefied natural gas or LNG), in cryogenic portable tanks (T75, UN portable cryogenic tanks or cryogenic ISO tanks) secured within intermodal well cars.

FECR had originally petitioned FRA, in a letter dated September 3, 2014, for approval of LNG shipments on its network between Hialeah Yard (Miami, FL) and Bowden Yard (Jacksonville, FL). The amended requests of June 7, 2016, and October 25, 2016, modified the destination points to the Port of Miami (POM) and Port Everglades (POE). The rail distances from the Hialeah Yard to these locations are approximately 15 miles and 23 miles respectively. The origin and destination points for LNG shipments will be entirely within the operating network of FECR. FECR has also submitted a number of technical support documents (listed in Appendix A) with this petition, including a detailed risk assessment for the shipments of LNG on these routes. FECR understands that additional shipments of LNG in ISO containers elsewhere on its network would require a separate and distinct request for approval to be submitted to FRA.

Based on the review of the request and supporting documents, FRA is granting approval under Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 174.63(a) to FECR for transporting LNG in portable cryogenic tanks secured within intermodal well cars, subject to the following conditions.

1. This approval is valid for shipments between the origin point of FECR Hialeah Yard, and the destination points of POM and POE beginning March 9, 2017, through June 30, 2019. A maximum of 10 loaded portable tanks of LNG per day is approved for shipment in one or more manifest trains. Each portable tank must not exceed a water capacity of 11,000 gallons.
2. Shipments must be transported only in intermodal well cars with only one portable tank