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This response is in reply to your letter dated June 14, 2016, to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) requesting concurrence for increasing the time period for Phase 3 testing of Liquefied Natural Gas locomotives on the Florida East Coast Railway. The reason for the longer time period, as stated in your letter, is due to the equipment's procurement schedule over the next 12-18 months.

FRA understands the challenges of procuring new equipment; therefore, FRA modifies the time period for Phase 3 Concurrence stated in requirement 1 of the June 3, 2016, letter to May 31, 2018. All other requirements remain the same.

FRA's point of contact for this issue is Mr. Gary G. Fairbanks, Staff Director, Motive Power and Equipment Division. Mr. Fairbanks may be reached at (b) (6) or Gary.Fairbanks@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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