

# SECTION 305 TECH SUB COMM

MINUTES

JULY 19, 2012

3:00PM EDT

CONFERENCE CALL

<b>FACILITATOR</b>	<i>Mario Bergeron, Chairman, S305 Technical subcommittee</i>
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<b>Core Team Members:</b> Mario Bergeron, Dale Engelhardt, Tammy Krause, Dave Warner, Andrew Wood, Greg Gagarin, Michael Burshtin, Kevin Kesler, Melissa Shurland, Nico Lindenau, Ryan Swick, Jeff Gordon, Allan Paul, (Allan Paul also has the proxy of Stan Hunter), Camren Cordell, Charlie Poltenson, Jack Madden, Jeff Schultz, Phil Meraz, Ron Adams, Steve Hewitt, <b>Industry Participants:</b> Paul Jamieson, Steve Morrison, Rick DeBella
<b>ABSENTEES</b>	<i>Devin Rouse, Anand Prabhakaran, Charles Bielitz, Brian Marquis, Michael Coltman, Stan Hunter, Curtis McDowell, Art Peterson, Kevin Lawson, Eric Curtit, Shayne Gill,</i>

## DISCUSSION/DECISIONS MADE

Chairman Mario Bergeron called today's meeting to order and asked Steve Hewitt to take the roll.

Steve Hewitt took the roll and, ultimately, a quorum was established as present. Industry participants are asked, as always, to email a notification of their attendance to Steve at [shewitt109@aol.com](mailto:shewitt109@aol.com).

### Review of Action Items:

Steve Hewitt reviewed the open action items and provided a brief update on those items that were not to be specifically covered on the agenda:

### Maintaining Industry Participation List:

Steve Hewitt reported that this remains an ongoing action item. There are currently **205** registered industry participants.

### Research on the issue of Axle Painting:

Kevin Kesler, FRA, will do additional research on the axle painting issue and report back to the subcommittee. – Status: **Kevin reported that the AAR Field manual does refer to removal of all paint prior to inspecting for cracks. It can be concluded, therefore, that paint must be allowed, if there is a reference to removing it for inspection. There is no FRA regulation precluding paint. This Action Item is closed.**

### Resolving the issue of building code – counter top heights interpretation:

Melissa Shurland will request a meeting among FRA, OST and Amtrak legal prior to FRA issuing guidance on the issue of counter top heights and building code regulations. Status: **Melissa Shurland reported that guidelines are not in the purview of FRA, but is the responsibility of the Office of General Counsel in the Office of the Secretary. Amtrak's legal interpretation has been sent to the General Counsel along with the request for a meeting as described in the action item. Melissa will report back when she hears from the General Counsel's office.**

### Outreach/interaction public affairs – AASHTO, Amtrak, FRA:

Jeff Gordon facilitated a conference call among Amtrak, AASHTO and FRA public affairs offices on May 25, 2012. Jeff briefed the Technical subcommittee on June 7, 2012 and briefed the Executive Board on June 12, 2012. The calls are to be held monthly and Jeff will provide summaries of subsequent calls to the Board as they occur. Status: **The RFI and delivery schedule was provided to the public affairs team. Jeff Gordon continues to maintain the connectivity with them and provides them with NGE activity updates and they make the decision on any possible publicity associated with the activities.**

**Approval of the Minutes of the June 14, 2012 Technical subcommittee call – Mario Bergeron:**

On a motion by, Allan Paul, NCDOT, and a second by Jack Madden, NYSDOT, the Minutes of the July 5, 2012, 2012 conference call meeting of the Technical subcommittee, were approved without objection.

**Update: Document Control Management – Dave Warner:**

Dave Warner provided the following report for inclusion in today's minutes:

*"Activity has been limited to chipping away at the outstanding single level "clean up" DCRs as time permits. The DMU specification Review Panel meeting has been scheduled for August 3."*

**Status: Locomotive Revision A – Dave Warner:**

Dave Warner provided the following report for inclusion in today's minutes:

*"Revision A of the Diesel-Electric Locomotive Requirements Document and Specification were posted to the PRIIA Documents and Specification web page last week. At the same time, the superseded versions of these two documents, plus the Review Panel Report and the DCR Summary Sheet for the revision were placed in the Repository."*

**Status: NGEC issued Locomotive RFI – Steve Hewitt:**

Steve Hewitt reported that the NGEC, through the JPTF, issued the Locomotive RFI on July 6, 2012. The RFI was sent to a fairly substantial OEM list and it was also posted (on July 9, 2012) on the AASHTO website in two places. Responses to the RFI are to be sent to Steve Hewitt @ [shewitt109@aol.com](mailto:shewitt109@aol.com) by 5:00pm Eastern, July 20, 2012. Steve will compile the responses and provide them to a Response Review Team around July 24, 2012. The team will meet at some point shortly thereafter to discuss the responses.

Dale Engelhardt asked if there was a schedule for the Locomotive in the RFI. Steve Hewitt said there was, but he did not have it in front of him. Jack Madden, NYSDOT responded that the timeframe given was a final award date of late December, 2012-early January, 2013.

Dale clarified that he was looking for a delivery date, so as to ascertain if this would be Tier IV. Nico Lindenau explained that the schedule in the RFI was put in based on the expiration of the grant money in 2017. The schedule calls for delivery and paid for by the end of September, 2017. The RFI does not specify when the deliveries will begin.

Dale responded that he is "anxious to hear" if the locomotive manufacturers respond that they can comply with Tier IV requirements.

Nico added that one of the questions in the RFI is when can the responder design, build, and deliver. If the RFI is filled out correctly and completely, "we'll have a good idea" of whether or not they can comply with Tier IV as required in the spec.

Further, Nico noted that the RFI team, after reviewing the responses will make a recommendation to the Joint Procurement Task Force and the Task Force will make a recommendation to the Executive Board.

Ron Adams, Wisconsin DOT noted that ARRA funds must be reimbursed by FRA by September of 2017. This means they must have been paid out and cannot go beyond September 30, 2017.

Allan Paul, NCDOT, noted that FRA suggested to North Carolina that ARRA projects should be closed by the end of March, 2017 in order to get reimbursed by September, 2017.

**Dual Mode Locomotive Specification Development – Dale Engelhardt:**

Dale Engelhardt reported that he and Dave Warner had been discussing three alternatives for beginning the development of the Dual Mode Locomotives. They have talked about waiting until after the Locomotive RFP has been completed. He commented that a short timeline is not needed, "based on the procurement forecast " there is no urgency "so we could afford a delay." He added, however, that he does not want to lose the resources of those involved in the spec development by leaving a long gap.

He and Dave have agreed that alternative 2 should be considered. It will be taken to the Locomotive team leader and then to the subgroup leaders. Dave Warner has discussed this with Locomotive Team Leader Jack Madden, and they have agreed that it will go to the subgroup leaders for consideration and, if acceptable, it will be the





**PRIIA Section 305 Tech Sub Committee Meeting**

**July 19, 2012**

The agenda for the meeting is below:

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| 1. Roll Call                                      | Steve Hewitt    |
| 2. Review meeting agenda                          | Mario Bergeron  |
| 3. Review Action Items                            | Steve Hewitt    |
| 4. Approve Minutes of July 5, 2012                | Mario Bergeron  |
| 5. Update: Document Control Management            | Dave Warner     |
| 6. Status: Locomotive Revision A                  | Dave Warner     |
| 7. Status: NGEC issued Locomotive RFI             | Steve Hewitt    |
| 8. Dual Mode Locomotive Specification Development | Dale Engelhardt |
| 9. Review this meeting:                           | Steve Hewitt    |
| a) Decisions                                      |                 |
| b) New Action Items                               |                 |

***Technical Sub Committee Conference Call Meeting:  
Thursday July 19, 2012 3:00 EST: 1-866-209-1307 / passcode 6486648#***

***Please call in a few minutes early so all is in attendance for Roll Call.  
Thank you***