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**RE: NTSB DCA13MR002 Operations Factual Technical Review**

Dear Sir,

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainman's Safety Task Force (BLET-STF) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the Technical Review of the Consolidated Rail Corporation's freight train derailment, and subsequent hazardous release in Paulsboro, NJ. Below are our findings:

- Page 7: Second paragraph last sentence "The train dispatcher can observe whether the signal is clear or if the signal is not clear within the system" Consider changing to "The train dispatcher can observe whether the signal has been requested or has not been requested within the system" The original wording suggests that the train dispatcher can ascertain the signal indication from the model board.
- Page 13: Operational Testing, first paragraph, first sentence. Title 49 CFR 219.9 should read Title 49 CFR **217.9**
- General Question: Is the company named Consolidated Rail Corporation, or Consolidated Rail Corporation Shared Assets?

With warm regards,

  
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