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NOTICE TO ALL FRRS OPERATING CREWS

STARTING LOCOMOTIVES

The current General Code of Operating Rules dated 2016-02-17 is modified as directed below.

Rules 1203, 1203A and 1203B are deleted and replaced with the following:

1203. Any employee starting a diesel locomotive shall be properly qualified under rule 1208 and be thoroughly familiar with the operating manual for the specific model locomotive, including shutdown and emergency procedures. The employee shall be responsible for verifying a full inspection is completed before the locomotive is placed in service, as designated by the FRRS Mechanical Department in Form M1001. All inspections shall include checking for proper engine lubricating oil level, cooling water level and air compressor lubricating oil level prior to startup.

Sufficient engine lubricating oil level and pressure shall be verified upon startup and again fifteen (15) minutes after start-up.

1203A. Locomotive operation shall be restricted by operating temperature, as follows:

- (1)** Below 110°F, the locomotive throttle shall remain at idle position. The isolation switch shall remain in START/ISOLATE. The generator field switch shall remain OFF. At no time shall the engine RPM be raised in an effort to accelerate warm up.
- (2)** Above 110°F but below 120°F, the locomotive may be moved light only for the purpose of connecting to the caboose train, assuming movement does not exceed 100 feet and throttle is no higher than setting 1. At no time shall the engine RPM be raised in an effort to accelerate warmup.

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- (3) Above 120°F but below 130°F, the locomotive may be used in normal service with throttle no higher than setting 3.
- (4) Above 130°F, the locomotive may be used in normal service with no throttle restriction.
- (5) At 180°F, on locomotives equipped with manual temperature control, the cooling system shall be operated until the water temperature is reduced to 160°F. However, DO NOT allow coolant temperature to fall below 160°F.
- (6) At 190°F, the locomotive shall be shut down as soon as safely possible and allowed to cool. Once shutdown, contact a maintenance or supervisory employee for further instruction.

1203B. Following start-up of the locomotive, enginemen shall drain moisture from the main air reservoir. Draining the main reservoir moisture periodically during prolonged service is encouraged.

1203C. Enginemen shall drain all air pressure from the main reservoir following shutdown of the locomotive.

Should there be any questions on this bulletin, please contact the chief mechanical officer or the general superintendent.

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