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| 9/5/2021 | | | | | | |
| | 15996 | WICFAL | When is a locomotive air brake test required? | A Locomotive Air Brake Test is required when making up a locomotive consist, adding locomotives to a consist, removing locomotives from a consist, other than when rear locomotives are removed or when rearranging locomotives in a consist. | ABTH | 101.6 |
| 9/6/2021 | | | | | | |
| | 15999 | PIKESP | May a Key Train use the Trip Optimizer "Auto Control" feature when traversing municipal are limits? | No. PTC cannot recognize or enforce municipal limits for key trains. Use of Auto Control on key trains traversing municipal limits is prohibited. | ABTH | 106.9.1 |
| | 16000 | BRUSH | May a conventional car weighing less than 45 tons be within 5 cars of a Cut In DP consist of 9-24 RPA? | No. Exception: Does not apply to empty bulk commodity/combination trains, trains with only baretable equipment behind the cut in DP or to loaded single well double stack cars of any weight (car kind beginning with QU or QK). | SSI | Item 47 |
| 9/7/2021 | | | | | | |
| | 16001 | BARSTO | May a Key Train use the Trip Optimizer "Auto Control" feature when traversing municipal limits? | No. PTC cannot recognize or enforce municipal limits for key trains. Use of Auto Control on key trains traversing municipal limits is prohibited. | ABTH | 106.9.1 |
| | 16002 | SPANIS | Must an employee who is protecting a shove movement by radio identify who is protecting the movement? | Yes. When communicating by radio, the employee observing the leading end of the movement must inform the employee at the controls of the engine who is protecting the movement and how the protection will be provided (e.g., Conductor Smith on the ground, riding equipment, riding in vehicle, camera, etc.), and specify a distance. | GCOR | 6.5 |
| 9/8/2021 | | | | | | |
| | 16004 | SELIGM | Must the lead DP consist and the cut in remote consist both be equipped with LXA to operate trains greater than 10,000 feet with an ETD? | No. Only the cut in remote consist is required to be equipped with LXA when operating trains greater than 10,000 feet with an ETD. | SSI | Item 47 |
| 9/9/2021 | | | | | | |

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| | 16005 | HILINE | If a crew stops their train within the limits of a Form B after receiving instructions from the employee in charge to proceed through the limits, would additional instructions be necessary to proceed on the specified route? | No. However a job briefing with the employee in charge is recommended. | GCOR | 15.2 |
| | 16006 | STOCKT | May an engineer leave the cab of the locomotive to operate a switch for their movement? | Yes, as long as the locomotive is not left unattended. Unattended - Means cars and/or locomotives left standing and unmanned in such a manner that the brake system of the cars and/or locomotives cannot be readily controlled. The hand brake is considered to be part of the brake system of a car/locomotive. | ABTH | Glossary |
| | 16007 | BELLIN | May a train in road service be operated in PTC territory if the controlling locomotive is not equipped with an operable PTC system? | No. PTC territory is specified in special instructions. A train must not be operated in PTC territory if the controlling locomotive is not equipped with an operable PTC system unless otherwise authorized by rule, special instructions, or the train dispatcher. | GCOR SSI | 18.1 Item 17 |
| 9/10/2021 | | | | | | |
| | 16010 | AURORA | When is a train considered "off air"? | Off air is a term used to describe a brake system that has not been connected to a continuous source of compressed air of at least 60 psi for a period of 24 hours or more. The "source" of compressed air is one or more locomotives or a yard air connection to the brake system. If brake pipe gradient is observed, no minimum brake pipe pressure at the opposite end of a brake system is required as long as 60 psi or more is being maintained at the charging end of the brake system. | ABTH | Glossary |
| | 16012 | | May a train depart and operate less than 20 miles in one direction without PTC? | Yes. Freight movements engaged in: • Yard service (including switching, transfer, local, etc.), • Assembly or disassembly of trains, • Hostling locomotives, or • Remote control operations, may operate on PTC territory without PTC if the movement: • Originates or terminates in a yard, • Does not travel in excess of 20 miles on PTC territory in one direction, • Does not exceed restricted speed while on PTC territory, and • Train dispatcher is notified. | GCOR | 18.3 |

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| 16013 | May a Road Switcher depart and operate less than 20 miles in one direction without PTC? | Yes. Freight movements engaged in: Yard service (including switching, transfer, local, etc.), Assembly or disassembly of trains, Hostling locomotives, or Remote control operations, may operate on PTC territory without PTC if the movement: Originates or terminates in a yard, Does not travel in excess of 20 miles on PTC territory in one direction, Does not exceed restricted speed while on PTC territory, and Train dispatcher is notified. | GCOR | 18.3 |