



THE BELT RAILWAY COMPANY OF CHICAGO

YARDMASTER NOTICE

#2020-Y001

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To: ALL CONCERNED

Subject: Distributed Power (DP) Outbound Train Restrictions

Yardmaster Notice 2019-Y006 is void.

When making up trains, designated by the Terminal Manager, to be operated in a Distributed Power (DP) configuration, observe the following restrictions dependent on the outbound carrier:

Note that these restrictions apply in addition to any other train make-up restrictions that are in place for the train. For the purposes of hazardous materials compliance, a DP Remote Consist is considered the same as any other locomotive.

In the event of a conflicting train make-up requirement, contact the Terminal Manager for instructions.

By definition, a DP Remote Consist is a locomotive consist located at other than the head end of the train.

CSXT Trains:

DP Locomotive Placement:

When placing mid-train DP Remote Consists in a train the DP Remote Consist must be placed as follows:

- Not less than 1250 feet behind the lead locomotive consist
- Not closer than mid-train between the head end locomotive consist and the rear of the train.
- The maximum allowable distance between locomotive consists must not exceed 7400 feet

Exception: To maintain block integrity, DP Remote Consists can be placed up to 1000 feet ahead of or behind the designated mid-train point when necessary.

Maximum Train Lengths (DP Trains with Rear End DP Locomotive Consists):

- Manifest trains operating with a single DP consist on the Rear of the train must not exceed 9000 feet between the lead locomotive consist and the remote DP locomotive consist.

Note: If unable to comply with these requirements, the DP Remote Consist must be placed in idle and not used for power.

Adhere to the following requirements for train makeup when handling DP Remote Locomotive Consists in the train:

<u>DP Remote Consist</u>	<u>Placement Requirements</u>
Single locomotive	Must have 5 loaded cars placed directly ahead of the DP Remote Locomotive Consist
Two or more locomotives	Must have 10 loaded cars placed directly ahead of the DP Remote Locomotive Consist
Manifest Trains with Auto Racks	Auto Racks must not be coupled directly ahead of, or behind the DP Remote Consist
Manifest Trains with Intermodal Spine Cars	Spine cars must be buffered with a minimum of 5 loaded cars ahead of and behind any DP Remote Consist
Solid Bulk Commodity Trains	No Placement Restrictions

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NS Trains:

DP Locomotive Placement:

1. A remote DP consist can consist of no more than 18 powered axles.
2. A rear end DP consist must comply with NS rules related to Helper/Pusher Service, do not place a DP Remote Consist on the rear of the train without permission of NS Operations Control-Atlanta.

When placing mid-train DP Remote Consists in a train, the DP Remote Consist must be placed as follows:

- A DP Remote Consist, for purposes of these instructions, is one or more locomotives located at other than the head end of the train.
- A DP Remote Consist, where utilized, must be placed between 50-75% of the trains trailing tonnage, not exceeding 8500' between locomotive consists.
- Lead and DP remote consists must not vary by more than one locomotive, for example two head end locomotives and a four-unit remote DP consist would not be permitted, unless authorized by NS Operations Control – Atlanta.
- Hazardous placement instructions apply for all locomotive consists in a train, including DP Remote Consists.
- When crews configure a DP Remote Consist, they must be instructed to lock the locomotive doors of the remote consist, where equipped.

Maximum Train Lengths (DP Trains with Remote DP Locomotive Consists):

None

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Yardmaster Notices in Effect:

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2016	001, 002
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