



THE BELT RAILWAY COMPANY OF CHICAGO

TRAIN DISPATCHER NOTICE

#2020-011

Effective 0001, December 2, 2020

To: Train Dispatchers, Clearing

Subject: PTC Train Operation – Revenue Service Demonstration (RSD)

Train Dispatcher Notice 2020-003 is void.

Note change in record keeping requirements.

Effective 0001 April 3, 2020, multiple carriers will begin operating trains with PTC active on the BRC. These operations will encompass both the 59th Street Line between 55TH STREET and 65TH STREET and the Kenton Line between BELT JUNCTION AND 80TH STREET.

In the same manner as we handle the BNSF trains operating with PTC, BRC will track the following train symbols using Operational Issues. It is important that these symbols are accounted for daily, as the required federal measurements are based upon the performance of these specific trains.

In addition, other trains inbound and outbound may begin to operate with PTC on an ad-hoc basis. Trains that notify the train dispatcher that they are operating with PTC must be recorded as well.

Where trains operate with PTC, it is critical that the proper foreign line train symbol is used, please refer to the chart in this notice for proper train symbol syntax.

In compliance with BRC Transportation General Order 2020-004, crew on designated PTC trains outbound from Clearing, are required to have a briefing with the train dispatcher confirming foreign line train symbol and lead locomotive.

BNSF trains operating with PTC will continue to operate with BNSF Train Symbol only. This will be verified with the train crew. This applies to both inbound and outbound trains.

We will continue to log all BNSF trains operating both inbound and outbound with PTC. The proper BNSF train symbols must be used to allow for dual initialization to take place between BRC and BNSF.

BNSF Train Symbol Syntax Examples:

- MGALBRC1 20
- HBRCGAL8 20

When extra trains operate from or to BNSF, the actual BNSF symbol must be used. Crew verification is required. Do not run, as an example, an HBRCGALX-03, that is not the proper BNSF train symbol.

NS Train Symbol Syntax Examples:

- 34GB3 01
- 16GB3 03
- If additional symbols are used, utilize the NS symbol for all recordkeeping
- If NS extra trains are operated, use the NS train symbol,
- Example BRC 34GX 03 = NS W4G 03

PTC Functionality:

PTC will enforce restrictions, delivered as track bulletins, between MP 0.0F and MP 4.65F and between MP 14.0 and MP 16.0.

If a restriction needs to be delivered, it is to be delivered using a track bulletin with verbal delivery to the train crew of the restriction. Verbal delivery without a track bulletin is not permissible within these limits.

Trains unable to initialize or experiencing enroute PTC failures between MP 0.0F and MP 4.65F and MP 14 and MP 16 will report failures to the BRC Train Dispatcher. The Train Dispatcher will record this information in Operational Issues.

Due to road crossings, enroute troubleshooting of PTC failures will not take place, and crew will cut out PTC at the direction of the BRC Train Dispatcher. Once the train can proceed, allow it to proceed verbally authorizing them to continue movement within the limits of their authority.

In the event of any known signal issues between 55th Street and West Sub or between Belt Junction and 80th Street, trains operating with PTCs will be instructed to cut out PTC and a notation made in the record below. An example would be an intermittent track circuit.

PTC Train Record Keeping:

Tracking of PTC trains operating with PTC between **55TH STREET** and **65TH STREET** and between **BELT JUNCTION** and **80TH STREET** will be noted using Belt Apps, the Operational Issues Application. This will be a short-term process requirement until cancelled.

When a PTC active train traverses the BRC with PTC, note the following in **Operational Issues**, Responsible Department **Communications**, Issue Type **PTC**.

- Foreign Carrier Train Symbol, Lead Locomotive, verify with train crew.
- In addition, failures will also be reported to the Wabtec Help Desk at 855-479-4909.
- Defects, PTC enroute failures, PTC failed initializations, braking enforcements, or other problems will be tracked using the carrier train symbol, lead locomotive, location and description.
- Trains running with PTC that do not encounter exceptions no longer need to be logged in Operational Issues.

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Train Dispatcher Notices in Effect:

<u>Year of Issuance</u>	<u>Numbers</u>
2016	1, 004, 005
2017	007, 011
2018	002, 010, 011, 012, 013
2019	001, 002, 003, 005, 006, 008, 012, 014
2020	004, 005, 007, 009, 011