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Potential Draft Regulatory Language for which consensus has been reached by the Passenger Equipment Working Group.

Working Group approved the draft language at their September 6, 2005, meeting in Chicago,

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Freight Power Brake Regulations require that handbrakes be tested annually, similar language is purposed for Part 238 to address passenger equipment. The added language requires that the hand or parking brake be tested at the 184 day inspection, and that an inspection and test of the hand or parking brake be performed and documented at each annual inspection.

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A new definition of DMU was added to the Locomotive Safety Standards as part of new event recorder requirements.

Language purposed to clarify the definition of MU locomotive in § 229.5 as to distinguish the difference between MU, DMU, and Control Cab locomotive.

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Purposed language 229.47 Emergency brake valve added DMU to requirement to be equipped with an emergency brake valve that is accessible to another crew member in the passenger compartment or vestibule and the words "Emergency Brake Valve" shall be legibly stenciled or marked near each valve or shall be shown on an adjacent badge plate.

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Continued; to be consistent exemptions added DMU to Sanitation, general requirements 229.137 (vi) so that MU's, DMU's, and control cab locomotives designed for passenger occupancy and used in intercity push-pull service that are exempt where employees have ready access to railroad-provided sanitation in other passenger cars on the train or at frequent intervals during the course of their work shift.

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Due to a number incidents of runaway passenger equipment the Working Group approved purposed draft language related to securement of unattended equipment similar to language found in the Freight Power Brake Regulations.