20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also contact Susan McHenry at the Office of EMS at (202) 366–6540 or via e-mail at susan.mchenry@dot.gov. The Office of EMS fax number is (202) 366–7149.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### **Electronic Access**

You may submit or retrieve comments online through the Document Management System (DMS) at http:// www.regulations.gov/under the docket number listed at the beginning of this notice (NHTSA-2009-0089). The DMS is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. Electronic submission and retrieval help guidelines are available under the help section of the Web site. An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded from the Federal Register's home page at http:// www.archives.gov and the Government Printing Office's database at http:// www.access.gpo.gov/nara.

This notice of NEMSAC's charter renewal is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.) The NEMSAC will be holding its next meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday June 2 and 3, 2009, at the Marriott Gateway in Crystal City, Arlington, VA. A separate **Federal Register** Notice will be published to announce that meeting.

Issued on April 23, 2009.

# Jeffrey P. Michael,

Associate Administrator for Research and Program Development.

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# **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

## Federal Railroad Administration

# **Petition for Waiver of Compliance**

In accordance with part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief from the requirements of 49 CFR part 236, as detailed below.

### Docket Number FRA-2009-0030

Applicant: CSX Transportation, Mr. C.M. King, Chief Engineer,

Communications and Signals, 500 Water Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

The CSX Transportation (CSXT) would like to respectfully request a waiver to the portion of 49 CFR 236.303 requiring portable derails to be connected to the signal system. Due to the current economic downturn, CSXT has found it necessary to use main, siding, and auxiliary tracks to facilitate the storing of cars. Cars and equipment are being stored in accordance with 49 CFR 232.103. The railroad also feels that the placing of portable derails on these tracks will increase the security of these cars that are being stored for an undetermined length of time.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number 2009–0030) and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

• Web site: http:// www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- Fax: 202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., W12–140, Washington, DC 20590.
- Hand Delivery: 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.–5 p.m.) at the above facility. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's Web site at <a href="http://www.regulations.gov">http://www.regulations.gov</a>.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if

submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477–78).

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### Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development. [FR Doc. E9–9611 Filed 4–27–09; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4910–06–P

### **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

# Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2009-0049]

# Pipeline Safety: Requests for Special Permits

**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA); DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: PHMSA is publishing this notice of several special permit requests we have received from pipeline operators, seeking relief from compliance with certain requirements in the Federal pipeline safety regulations. This notice seeks public comments on these requests, including comments on any safety or environmental impacts. At the conclusion of the 30-day comment period, PHMSA will evaluate the requests and determine whether to grant or deny a special permit and the terms and conditions of any grant.

**DATES:** Submit any comments regarding these special permit requests by May 28, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should reference the docket numbers for the specific special permit request and may be submitted in the following ways:

- E-Gov Web Site: http:// www.Regulations.gov. This site allows the public to enter comments on any Federal Register notice issued by any agency.
  - Fax: 1-202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Management System: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.
- Hand Delivery: DOT Docket Management System: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey

Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: You should identify the docket number for the special permit request you are commenting on at the beginning of your comments. If you submit your comments by mail, please submit two copies. To receive confirmation that PHMSA has received your comments, please include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Internet users may submit comments at http://www.Regulations.gov.

**Note:** Comments are posted without changes or edits to *http://www.Regulations.gov*, including any personal information provided. There is a privacy statement published on *http://www.Regulations.gov*.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

General: Kay McIver by telephone at (202) 366–0113; or, e-mail at kay.mciver@dot.gov.

Technical: Steve Nanney by telephone at (713) 272–2855; or, e-mail at steve.nanney@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Notice concerns several requests for special permits received by PHMSA from pipeline operators who seek relief from compliance with certain pipeline safety regulations. Each request is filed in the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) and has been assigned a separate docket number in the FDMS. The docket includes any technical analysis or other supporting documentation provided by the requester. We invite interested persons to participate by reviewing these special permit requests at http://

www.Regulations.gov, and by submitting written comments, data, or other information including any comments on potential environmental impacts that may result from the grant of any of these special permits.

Before acting on these special permit requests, PHMSA will evaluate all comments received on or before the comments closing date. Comments will be evaluated after this date if it is possible to do so without incurring additional expense or delay. PHMSA will consider each relevant comment we receive in making our decision to grant or deny a request and the terms and conditions of any grant.

PHMSA has received the following special permit requests:

Docket No.	Requester	Regulation(s)	Nature of special permit
PHMSA-2008-0286	MoGas Pipeline LLC (MoGas).	49 CFR 192.14(a)(4), 49 CFR 192.619.	To authorize MoGas Pipeline LLC, to perform alternative risk control activities rather than pressure testing the pipeline to 1.25 times the proposed MAOP. The approximately 24.6 miles long Curryville to Sulpher Creek, to Auburn Station pipeline begins in Pike County, Missouri and ends in Lincoln County, Missouri. The pipeline transports natural gas from Panhandle Eastern Pipeline receipt point to the St. Louis metro. This is from mile post 80.38 to mile post 105.09. The pipeline is a nominal 12-inch diameter line installed in 1949 and 1950.
PHMSA-2009-0053	TransCanada Pipelines (TCPL) operator of the American Natural Re- sources (ANR) pipeline.	49 CFR 192.611(a)	To authorize TCPL/ANR to engage in an alternative approach to conduct risk control activities based on Integrity Management Program principles rather than lowering the MAOP or replacing the subject pipe segment. TCPL seeks relief for four areas on the TCPL system where the class location has changed as a result of new structures built within 660 feet of the pipeline. The pipelines have all changed from a Class 1 location to a Class 3 location.  Special Permit Area 1: Line 1–100 is a 30-inch pipeline with a MAOP of 850 psig, in Lake County, Indiana. The new Bridgewood Subdivision was constructed within 660 feet of the pipeline. The area became a Class 3 location on May 4, 2007.  Special Permit Area 2: Line 226, is part of a pipeline system that transports gas from Viking Gas Transmission Pipeline System, Wisconsin to Appleton Meter Station in Winnebago County, Wisconsin. The new subdivision of 13 structures was constructed within 660 feet of the pipeline. The area became a Class 3 location on May 11, 2007. The pipeline is a 24-inch pipeline with a maximum MAOP of 975 psig.  Special Permit Area 3: Line 226 V7, is a 24-inch pipeline that transport gas from the Viking Gas Transmission Pipeline System to the Appleton Meter System on the ANR system in Outagamie County, Wisconsin. This line has a maximum MAOP of 975 psig. A new proximity structure (Great Northern Container Company) was constructed 300 feet of the pipeline. The area became Class 3 location on May 11, 2007.

Docket No.	Requester	Regulation(s)	Nature of special permit
			Special Permit Area 4: Line 501, on the TCPL, ANR system is part of a pipeline system that transports gas from the Gulf Coast, Louisiana up to Detroit, Michigan. There are several delivery points along the system. The new Class 3 locations are located in valve section between survey station number 288+32 and 291+78 in Fulton County, Ohio. This new Class 3 location lies within a High Consequence Area (HCA). A new proximity structure (Four County Family Center) was constructed within 300 feet of the pipeline. The area became a Class 3 location on August 24, 2007. This section has a 30-inch diameter pipeline
PHMSA-2009-0054	Enstar Natural Gas Company.	49 CFR 192.707	and a MAOP of 858 psig.  To authorize ENSTAR exemption from installing pipeline markers over gas mains at road and railroad crossings in Class 1 location and Class 2 location. Instead ENSTAR proposes to adopt a risk based approach to installing markers in Class 1 location and Class 2 location and install markers not only at road crossings but over the length of the large diameter (6"NPS or larger) gas mains.
PHMSA-2009-0055	TransCanada Pipelines Ltd(TCPL)/American Nat- ural Resources (ANR).		To authorize TCPL/ANR to engage in an alternative approach to conduct risk control activities based on Integrity Management Program principles rather than lowering the MAOP or replacing the subject pipe segment. This application is for four segments of Line 716 on the TCPL/ANR segment in St. Martin Parish in Louisiana. This segment has changed from a Class 1 location to a Class 3 location. Further growth is anticipated in this area and TCPL requests that the special permit would apply to any additional pipe segments located on this pipeline in the inspection area that may experience a Class Location change in the future. The pipeline has a 20-inch diameter, a MAOP
PHMSA-2009-0056	TransCanada Pipelines Ltd(TCPL)/American Nat- ural Resources (ANR).		of 1050 psig and operates at 73% of SMYS.  To authorize TCPL/ANR to engage in an alternative approach to conduct risk control activities based on Integrity Management Program principles rather than lowering the MAOP or replacing the subject pipe segment. This segment has changed from a Class 1 location to a Class 3 location. Further growth is anticipated in this area and TCPL requests that the special permit would apply to any additional pipe segments located on this pipeline in the inspection area that may experience a Class Location change in the future. This request is for the 30-inch diameter Line 1–501 pipeline located in Tate County, Mississippi. This loop pipeline transports gas from the Gulf Coast, Louisiana to Detroit, Michigan, USA, and has several delivery points in major population areas.
PHMSA-2009-0061	TransCanada Pipelines Ltd(TCPL)/American Nat- ural Resources (ANR).		To authorize TCPL/ANR to engage in an alternative approach to conduct risk control activities based on Integrity Management Program principles rather than lowering the MAOP or replacing the subject pipe segment. This segment has changed from a Class 1 location to a Class 3 location. Further growth is anticipated in this area and TCPL requests that the special permit would apply to any additional pipe segments located on this pipeline in the inspection area that may experience a Class Location change in the future. This request is for Line 515 on the TCPL ANR system. This is a 20-inch single line customer delivery lateral that delivers gas to ANR's Maumee Meter Station. The Class location change is the result of the new Ridge at Wrenwood subdivision constructed within 660 feet of the pipeline. These 26 new structures in addition to existing structures resulted in a Class Location change. The pipeline has a MAOP of 858 psig and operates at 66% of SMYS.

Docket No.	Requester	Regulation(s)	Nature of special permit
PHMSA-2009-0079	Williams Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line (WGPT).	49 CFR 192.611	To authorize Williams Transcontinental Pipe Line (WGPT) to engage in an alternative approach to conduct risk control activities based on Integrity Management Program principles rather than lowering the MAOP or replacing the subject pipe segment. This request is for the 30-inch and 36-inch pipelines located in the Davidson, Guilford, and Rockingham counties in the state of North Carolina. The 30-inch line has a MAOP of 780 psig and the 36-inch has a MAOP of 780 psig. The lines transport gas from the Gulf Coast, East Texas, and Southern Louisiana to Northeast Markets providing gas to WGPT customers. The Class location change is due to the addition of 32 homes.
PHMSA-2009-0100	Paiute Pipeline Company	49 CFR 190.341, 49 CFR 192.605, 49 CFR 192.745.	To authorize Piaute Pipeline Company to temporarily deviate from certain federal pipeline regulations and Piaute's maintenance procedures relative to transmission valves, and the partial operation of certain buried steel ball valves during regularly scheduled valve maintenance activities. Piaute proposes alternatives for this deviation. Piaute owns and operates 856 miles of interstate gas transmission pipeline in the state of Nevada under PHMSA Operator Identification Number 15033.

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 60118(c)(1) and 49 CFR 1.53.

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 17, 2009

### Alan Mayberry,

Director, Engineering and Emergency Support.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket ID FMCSA-2009-0086]

# **Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision**

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of applications for exemptions; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces receipt of applications from 22 individuals for exemption from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. If granted, the exemptions would enable these individuals to qualify as drivers of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce without meeting the Federal vision standard.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before May 28, 2009.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket ID FMCSA—2009—0086 using any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.
- Hand Delivery: West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.
  - Fax: 1-202-493-2251.

Each submission must include the Agency name and the docket ID for this Notice. Note that DOT posts all comments received without change to <a href="http://www.regulations.gov">http://www.regulations.gov</a>, including any personal information included in a comment. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments, go to http:// www.regulations.gov at any time or Room W12–140 on the ground level of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The FDMS is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. If you want acknowledgment that we received your comments, please include a selfaddressed, stamped envelope or postcard or print the acknowledgement page that appears after submitting comments on-line.

*Privacy Act:* Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments

received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or of the person signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19476). This information is also available at <a href="http://Docketsinfo.dot.gov">http://Docketsinfo.dot.gov</a>.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: $\mathrm{Dr.}$

Mary D. Gunnels, Director, Medical Programs, (202) 366–4001, fmcsamedical@dot.gov, FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W64– 224, Washington, DC 20590–0001. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

# SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

# Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may grant an exemption for a 2vear period if it finds "such exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved absent such exemption." FMCSA can renew exemptions at the end of each 2-year period. The 22 individuals listed in this notice each have requested an exemption from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), which applies to drivers of CMVs in interstate commerce. Accordingly, the Agency will evaluate the qualifications of each applicant to determine whether granting the exemption will achieve the required level of safety mandated by statute.