

**Public Comments Invited:** You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

**OMB Control Number:** 2120-0768.

**Title:** Part 107 Authorizations and Waivers under 14 CFR part 107.

**Form Numbers:** There are no forms associated with this collection.

**Type of Review:** Renewal of existing information collection.

**Background:** There has been an increased number of operations of small Unmanned Aircraft Systems in the National Air Space (NAS) in recent years and regulations and statutes have been enacted to establish the use of small UAS in the NAS. Included in these is 14 CFR part 107. Section 107.41 states that "no person may operate a small unmanned aircraft in Class B, Class C, or Class D airspace or within the lateral boundaries of the surface areas of Class E airspace designated for an airport unless that person has prior authorization from Air Traffic Control (ATC)." Such authorization may be obtained in the form of either an airspace authorization issued by the FAA or a waiver of the authorization requirements of 14 CFR 107.41 (known as an airspace waiver).

In order to process authorization and airspace waiver requests, the FAA requires the operator's name, the operator's contact information, and information related to the date, place, and time of the requested small UAS operation. This information is necessary for the FAA to meet its statutory mandate of maintaining a safe and efficient national airspace. See 49 U.S.C. 40103, 44701, and 44807. The FAA will use the requested information to determine if the proposed UAS operation can be conducted safely.

The FAA proposes to use the Low Altitude Authorization and Notification Capability (LAANC) and a web portal to process authorization requests from the public to conduct part 107 flight operations pursuant to Section 107.41. The FAA also proposes to use the web portal to process requests from the public to conduct Part 107 flight operations that requires an airspace waiver.

**Respondents:** Small UAS operators seeking to conduct flight operations under 14 CFR part 107 within controlled airspace or flight operations that require waiver from the provisions of 14 CFR 107.41. Between 2023–2026, the FAA estimates that it will receive a total of 1,477,965 requests for airspace authorizations and 0 requests for airspace waivers.

**Frequency:** The requested information will need to be provided each time a respondent requests an airspace authorization to operate a small UAS under 14 CFR part 107 in controlled airspace and each time a respondent requests a waiver from the provisions of 14 CFR 107.41 to operate a small UAS in controlled airspace.

**Estimated Average Burden per Response:** The FAA estimates the respondents using LAANC will take five (5) minutes per airspace authorization request and those using the web portal will take thirty (30) minutes per request. For those making airspace waiver requests through the web portal, the FAA estimates it takes 30 minutes per request.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden:** For airspace authorizations, the FAA estimates that the average annual burden will be 61,582 burden hours. This includes 36,949 burden hours for 443,389 LAANC respondents and 24,633 burden hours for 49,266 web portal respondents.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2023-0089]

#### Entry-Level Driver Training: Alaska's Ice Road Driving School; Application for Exemption

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

**ACTION:** Notice of application for exemption; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces that it has received an application from Alaska's Ice Road Driving School requesting an exemption from the skills road test portion of the behind-the-wheel (BTW) entry-level driver training (ELDT) requirements for driver trainees. The applicant explains that because of the unique road system and challenging

terrain in Alaska, it is difficult to adhere to the driver training regulations. The applicant further explains that the road configurations lead to only a few major established safe road systems in Alaska. The applicant believes that the road skills test for a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) applicant can safely be administered by the state test examiner as set routes can be established and approved without the CDL applicant completing certain portions of the mandatory BTW training. FMCSA requests public comment on the applicant's request for exemption.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before May 22, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Number FMCSA-2023-0089 by any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). See the Public Participation and Request for Comments section below for further information.

- **Mail:** Dockets Operations, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- **Hand Delivery or Courier:** West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- **Fax:** (202) 493-2251.

Each submission must include the Agency name and the docket number (FMCSA-2023-0089) for this notice. Note that DOT posts all comments received without change to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), 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 [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) at any time or visit 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., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 366-9317 or (202) 366-9826 before visiting Dockets Operations.

**Privacy Act:** In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its exemption process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). As described in the system of records notice DOT/ALL 14-FDMS, which can be reviewed at <https://>

[www.transportation.gov/privacy](http://www.transportation.gov/privacy), the comments are searchable by the name of the submitter.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Richard Clemente, Driver and Carrier Operations Division; Office of Carrier, Driver and Vehicle Safety Standards, FMCSA, at (202) 366-2722 or [richard.clemente@dot.gov](mailto:richard.clemente@dot.gov). If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Dockets Operations at (202) 366-9826.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Public Participation and Request for Comments**

FMCSA encourages you to participate by submitting comments and related materials.

*Submitting Comments*

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (FMCSA-2023-0089), indicate the specific section of this document to which the comment applies, and provide a reason for suggestions or recommendations. You may submit your comments and material online or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. FMCSA recommends that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a phone number in the body of your document so the Agency can contact you if it has questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and put the docket number "FMCSA-2023-0089" in the keyword box, and click "Search." Next, sort the results by "Posted (Newer-Older)," choose the first notice listed, click the "Comment" button, and type your comment into the text box on the following screen. Choose whether you are submitting your comment as an individual or on behalf of a third party and then submit. If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit comments by mail and would like to know that they reached the facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. FMCSA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

**II. Legal Basis**

FMCSA has authority under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b) to grant exemptions from Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs). FMCSA must publish a notice of each exemption request in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(a)). The Agency must provide the public an opportunity to inspect the

information relevant to the application, including any safety analyses that have been conducted. The Agency must provide an opportunity for public comment on the request.

The Agency reviews safety analyses and public comments submitted and determines whether granting the exemption would likely achieve a level of safety equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved by the current regulation (49 CFR 381.305). The Agency must publish its decision in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(b)) with the reasons for denying or granting the application and, if granted, the name of the person or class of persons receiving the exemption and the regulatory provision from which the exemption is granted. The notice must specify the effective period and explain the terms and conditions of the exemption. The exemption may be renewed (49 CFR 381.300(b)).

**III. Applicant's Request**

Alaska's Ice Road Driving School seeks an exemption from the requirements, set forth in 49 CFR part 380, Appendices A and B, that driver-trainees seeking a Class A or Class B CDL demonstrate proficiency in BTW maneuvers related to entering the on ramp, exiting the off ramp, right turns, and left turns. The applicant states that due to Alaska's unique road system they believe that the exemption would benefit Alaska's driver training schools and give them confidence to take on prospective students and complete the required BTW training safely. Alaska's Ice Road Driving School requests the exemption regarding routing prescriptions that are specific to exact off and on ramps, and right and left turns, adding that it will aid in the safe administration of road tests by the Alaska State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). The applicant adds that the regulation could be waived safely and allow the school and the State of Alaska to prescribe routes based upon the area in which the road skills exam would be administered. The applicant seeks the exemption on behalf of itself and all State and local Commercial Driving Schools in Alaska as well as individuals qualified as third-party testers in the State of Alaska.

A copy of the Alaska's Ice Road Driving School application for exemption is available for review in the docket for this notice.

**IV. Request for Comments**

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b), FMCSA requests public comment from all interested persons on Alaska's Ice Road Driving School

application for an exemption from specific requirements in 49 CFR 380 Appendices A and B regarding BTW driver training curricula. All comments received before the close of business on the comment closing date indicated at the beginning of this notice will be considered and will be available for examination in the docket at the location listed under the Addresses section of this notice. Comments received after the comment closing date will be filed in the public docket and will be considered to the extent practicable. In addition to late comments, FMCSA will also continue to file in the public docket relevant information that becomes available after the comment closing date. Interested persons should continue to examine the public docket for new material.

Larry W. Minor,

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration**

[Docket No. 2023-0020]

**Pipeline Safety: Request for Special Permit; Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** PHMSA is publishing this notice to solicit public comments on a request for special permit received from Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC (FGT). The special permit request is seeking relief from compliance with certain requirements in the federal pipeline safety regulations. At the conclusion of the 30-day comment period, PHMSA will review the comments received from this notice as part of its evaluation to grant or deny the special permit request.

**DATES:** Submit any comments regarding this special permit request by May 22, 2023.

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

- *E-Gov Website:* <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.