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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12209]

Regional Meeting of the Binational Bridges and Border Crossings Group in Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico

ACTION: Notice of a meeting.

SUMMARY: Delegates from the United States and Mexican governments, the states of California and Arizona, and the Mexican states of Baja California and Sonora will participate in a regional meeting of the U.S.-Mexico Binational Bridges and Border Crossings Group on Thursday, October 26, 2023, in Tijuana, Mexico. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss operational matters involving existing and proposed international bridges and border crossings and their related infrastructure and to exchange technical information as well as views on policy. This meeting will include a public session on Thursday, October 26, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. This session will allow proponents of proposed bridges and border crossings and related projects to make presentations to the delegations and members of the public.

DATES: October 26, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on the meeting and to attend the public session, please contact Hillary Quam via email at WHA-BorderAffairs@state.gov, by phone at 202-647-9364, or by mail at Office of Mexican Affairs—Room 3924, Department of State, 2201 C St. NW, Washington, DC 20520.

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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Meeting of the Regional Energy Resource Council

AGENCY: Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The TVA Regional Energy Resource Council (RERC) will hold a meeting on November 7, 2023, regarding

regional energy related issues in the Tennessee Valley.

DATES: The meeting will be held in Tupelo, on Tuesday November 7, 2023, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT. RERC members are invited to attend the meeting in person. The name and address for the physical meeting location in Tupelo will be provided on the RERC website at www.tva.gov/lerc. The public is invited to view the meeting virtually or attend in person. A 1-hour public listening session for the public to present comments virtually or in person will be held November 7, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. CT. A link and instructions to view the meeting will be posted on TVA's RERC website at www.tva.gov/lerc.

ADDRESSES: The physical meeting location in Tupelo, Mississippi will be provided on the RERC website at www.tva.gov/lerc. The meeting will also be available virtually to the public. Instructions to view the meeting will be posted at www.tva.com/lerc prior to the meeting. Persons who wish to speak virtually during the public listening session must pre-register by 5:00 p.m. ET Friday, November 3, by emailing bhaliti@tva.gov. Anyone needing special accommodations should let the contact below know at least one week in advance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bekim Haliti, bhaliti@tva.gov or 931-349-1894.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The RERC was established to advise TVA on its energy resource activities and the priorities among competing objectives and values. Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. 10.

The meeting agenda includes the following:

November 7

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. RERC and TVA Meeting Update
3. Introduction to TVA
4. IRP Overview
5. Valley Pathways Update
6. Utility of the Future Engagement and Outcomes
7. Public Listening Session
8. Discussion on "TVA's Energy System of the Future" for the benefit of TVA Board Members

The RERC will hear views of citizens by providing a 1-hour public comment session starting November 7 at 2:00 p.m. CT. Persons wishing to speak virtually must register by sending an email at bhaliti@tva.gov or by calling 931-349-1894 by 5:00 p.m. ET, on Friday, November 3, 2023, and will be called on during the public listening session for

up to five minutes to share their views. Written comments are also invited and may be emailed to bhaliti@tva.gov.

Dated: September 28, 2023.

Melanie Farrell,

Vice President, External Stakeholders and Regulatory Oversight, Tennessee Valley Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2014-0214; FMCSA-2015-0116; FMCSA-2019-0030; FMCSA-2019-0031; FMCSA-2019-0033; FMCSA-2019-0034]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Epilepsy and Seizure Disorders

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

ACTION: Notice of renewal of exemptions; request for comments.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its decision to renew exemptions for seven individuals from the requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) that interstate commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers have "no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of epilepsy or any other condition which is likely to cause loss of consciousness or any loss of ability to control a CMV." The exemptions enable these individuals who have had one or more seizures and are taking anti-seizure medication to continue to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

DATES: The exemptions were applicable on October 4, 2023. The exemptions expire on October 4, 2025. Comments must be received on or before November 6, 2023. Each group of renewed exemptions were applicable on the dates stated in the discussions below and will expire on the dates stated in the discussions below. Comments must be received on or before November 6, 2023.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by the Federal Docket Management System Docket No. FMCSA-2014-0214, Docket No. FMCSA-2015-0116, Docket No. FMCSA-2019-0030, Docket No. FMCSA-2019-0031, Docket No. FMCSA-2019-0033, or Docket No. FMCSA-2019-0034 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal*: Go to www.regulations.gov/, insert the docket number (FMCSA–2014–0214, FMCSA–2015–0116, FMCSA–2019–0030, FMCSA–2019–0031, FMCSA–2019–0033, or FMCSA–2019–0034) in the keyword box and click “Search.” Next, sort the results by “Posted (Newer-Older),” choose the first notice listed, and click on the “Comment” button. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

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

- *Hand Delivery*: West Building Ground Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, 20590–0001 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

- *Fax*: (202) 493–2251.

To avoid duplication, please use only one of these four methods. See the “Public Participation” portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for instructions on submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, FMCSA, DOT, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001, (202) 366–4001, fmcsamedical@dot.gov. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you have questions regarding viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Dockets Operations, (202) 366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation

A. Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (Docket No. FMCSA–2014–0214, Docket No. FMCSA–2015–0116, Docket No. FMCSA–2019–0030, Docket No. FMCSA–2019–0031, Docket No. FMCSA–2019–0033, or Docket No. FMCSA–2019–0034), indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation. 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 that FMCSA can contact you if there are questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to www.regulations.gov/, insert the docket

number (FMCSA–2014–0214, FMCSA–2015–0116, FMCSA–2019–0030, FMCSA–2019–0031, FMCSA–2019–0033, or FMCSA–2019–0034) 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. FMCSA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

B. Viewing Comments

To view comments go to www.regulations.gov. Insert the docket number (FMCSA–2014–0214, FMCSA–2015–0116, FMCSA–2019–0030, FMCSA–2019–0031, FMCSA–2019–0033, or FMCSA–2019–0034) in the keyword box and click “Search.” Next, sort the results by “Posted (Newer-Older),” choose the first notice listed, and click “Browse Comments.” If you do not have access to the internet, you may view the docket online by visiting Dockets Operations on the ground floor of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001, 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.

C. Privacy Act

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(6), DOT solicits comments from the public on the exemption request. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov. As described in the system of records notice DOT/ALL 14 (Federal Docket Management System), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/individuals/privacy/privacy-act-system-records-notices>, the comments are searchable by the name of the submitter.

II. Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), FMCSA may grant an exemption from the FMCSRs for no longer than a 5-year 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. The

statutes also allow the Agency to renew exemptions at the end of the 5-year period. However, FMCSA grants medical exemptions from the FMCSRs for a 2-year period to align with the maximum duration of a driver’s medical certification.

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding epilepsy found in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(8) states that a person is physically qualified to drive a CMV if that person has no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of epilepsy or any other condition which is likely to cause the loss of consciousness or any loss of ability to control a CMV.

In addition to the regulations, FMCSA has published advisory criteria¹ to assist Medical Examiners in determining whether drivers with certain medical conditions are qualified to operate a CMV in interstate commerce.

The seven individuals listed in this notice have requested renewal of their exemptions from the epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition in § 391.41(b)(8), in accordance with FMCSA procedures. Accordingly, FMCSA has evaluated these applications for renewal on their merits and decided to extend each exemption for a renewable 2-year period.

III. Request for Comments

Interested parties or organizations possessing information that would otherwise show that any, or all, of these drivers are not currently achieving the statutory level of safety should immediately notify FMCSA. The Agency will evaluate any adverse evidence submitted and, if safety is being compromised or if continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), FMCSA will take immediate steps to revoke the exemption of a driver.

IV. Basis for Renewing Exemptions

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), each of the seven applicants has satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition. The seven drivers in this notice remain in good standing with the Agency, have maintained their medical monitoring and have not exhibited any medical issues that would compromise their ability to safely operate a CMV

¹ These criteria may be found in Appendix A to Part 391—Medical Advisory Criteria, section H. *Epilepsy*: § 391.41(b)(8), paragraphs 3, 4, and 5, which is available on the internet at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2015-title49-vol5/pdf/CFR-2015-title49-vol5-part391-appA.pdf>.

during the previous 2-year exemption period. In addition, for commercial driver's license (CDL) holders, the Commercial Driver's License Information System and the Motor Carrier Management Information System are searched for crash and violation data. For non-CDL holders, the Agency reviews the driving records from the State Driver's Licensing Agency. These factors provide an adequate basis for predicting each driver's ability to continue to safely operate a CMV in interstate commerce. Therefore, FMCSA concludes that extending the exemption for each renewal applicant for a period of 2 years is likely to achieve a level of safety equal to that existing without the exemption.

As of October 4, 2023, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following seven individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers:

Douglas Day (IN)
Dennis Klamm (MN)
Michael Miller (TX)
Ryan Moore (NC)
William Swann (MD)
Tyler Tilseth (NM)
Adam Wilson (MN)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2014–0214, FMCSA–2015–0116, FMCSA–2019–0030, FMCSA–2019–0031, FMCSA–2019–0033, or FMCSA–2019–0034. Their exemptions are applicable as of October 4, 2023 and will expire on October 4, 2025.

V. Conditions and Requirements

The exemptions are extended subject to the following conditions: (1) each driver must remain seizure-free and maintain a stable treatment during the 2-year exemption period; (2) each driver must submit annual reports from their treating physicians attesting to the stability of treatment and that the driver has remained seizure-free; (3) each driver must undergo an annual medical examination by a certified ME, as defined by § 390.5; and (4) each driver must provide a copy of the annual medical certification to the employer for retention in the driver's qualification file, or keep a copy of his/her driver's qualification file if he/she is self-employed. The driver must also have a copy of the exemption when driving, for presentation to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement official. The exemption will be rescinded if: (1) the person fails to comply with the terms and conditions

of the exemption; (2) the exemption has resulted in a lower level of safety than was maintained before it was granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b).

VI. Preemption

During the period the exemption is in effect, no State shall enforce any law or regulation that conflicts with this exemption with respect to a person operating under the exemption.

VII. Conclusion

Based on its evaluation of the seven exemption applications, FMCSA renews the exemptions of the aforementioned drivers from the epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition in § 391.41(b)(8). In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), each exemption will be valid for 2 years unless revoked earlier by FMCSA.

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2023–0022]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Hearing

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

ACTION: Notice of final disposition.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its decision to exempt 11 individuals from the hearing requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) to operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) in interstate commerce. The exemptions enable these hard of hearing and deaf individuals to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

DATES: The exemptions are applicable on October 2, 2023. The exemptions expire on October 2, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, FMCSA, DOT, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W64–224, Washington, DC 20590–0001, (202) 366–4001, fmcsamedical@dot.gov. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you have questions regarding viewing or submitting

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation

A. Viewing Comments

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B. Privacy Act

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(6), DOT solicits comments from the public on the exemption requests. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov. As described in the system of records notice DOT/ALL 14 (Federal Docket Management System), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/individuals/privacy/privacy-act-system-records-notices>, the comments are searchable by the name of the submitter.

II. Background

On August 21, 2023, FMCSA published a notice announcing receipt of applications from 11 individuals requesting an exemption from the hearing requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(11) to operate a CMV in interstate commerce and requested comments from the public (88 FR 56913). The public comment period ended on September 20, 2023, and no comments were received.

FMCSA has evaluated the eligibility of these applicants and determined that granting exemptions to these individuals would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved by complying with § 391.41(b)(11).

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding hearing found in § 391.41(b)(11) states that a person is physically qualified to drive a CMV if that person first perceives a forced whispered voice in the better ear at not less than 5 feet with or without the use of a hearing aid or, if tested by use of