rule based on your comments. FMCSA may issue a final rule at any time after the close of the comment period.

V. Viewing Comments and Documents

To view comments, as well as any documents mentioned in this preamble, to submit your comment online, go to http://www.regulations.gov and in the search box insert the docket number FMCSA–2015–0063 and click “Search.” Next, click “Open Docket Folder” and you will find all documents and comments related to the proposed rulemaking.

Issued on: July 7, 2015.

Larry W. Minor,
Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2015–0054]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

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

ACTION: Notice of denials.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its denial of 120 applications from individuals who requested an exemption from the Federal vision standard applicable to interstate truck and bus drivers and the reasons for the denials. FMCSA has statutory authority to exempt individuals from the vision requirement if the exemptions granted will not compromise safety. The Agency has concluded that granting these exemptions does not provide a level of safety that will be equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety maintained without the exemptions for these commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may grant an exemption from the Federal vision standard for a renewable 2-year period if it finds “such an exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to or greater than the level that would be achieved absent such an exemption.” The procedures for requesting an exemption are set forth in 49 CFR part 381.

Accordingly, FMCSA evaluated 120 individual exemption requests on their merit and made a determination that these applicants do not satisfy the criteria eligibility or meet the terms and conditions of the Federal exemption program. Each applicant has, prior to this notice, received a letter of final disposition on the exemption request. Those decision letters fully outlined the basis for the denial and constitute final Agency action. The list published in this notice summarizes the Agency’s recent denials as required under 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(4) by periodically publishing names and reasons for denial.

The following applicant, Gregory J. Karkos, did not have sufficient driving experience over the past three years under normal highway operating conditions.

The following 21 applicants had no experience operating a CMV:

Paul M. A. Bobick
Ethann W. Boze
Russell B. Cochran
Harold L. Coleman
Logan B. Dix
Terry L. Dockall
Charles M. Edmonds
Pedro T. Espinal
Ronald A. Francis
William R. Hand
Kristopher M. Heitmeier
Alan L. Kershishnik
Nuru D. Mohammed
Kevin R. Murphy
Eduardo Ortiz
Christopher E. Robles
Jonathan R. Rogers
Joseph D. Sirlin
Maxwell W. Tanner
Charles Wheeler
Haitham N. Zegar

The following 15 applicants did not have three years of experience driving a CMV on public highways with their vision deficiencies:

Clairmont Boston
John R. Boudreaux
James A. Bullock, Jr.
James L. Grain
James W. Faber
Joseph F. Giacometto
Elmer G. Godwin, Jr.
Randall L. Hall
Alexander D. Harry
Clyde M. Lange III
Aveland E. Munroe
Jorge M. Rios
Canute O. Robinson
James R. Sadlow
Thomas A. Schwarz

The following nine applicants did not have three years of recent experience driving a CMV with the vision deficiency:

Kyle J. Bailey
Charles W. Bradley
Jeremy W. Culberson
Albert Goodman, Jr.
Jimmy R. Holman
Ronald L. Irwin
Wayne S. Peisert
Donald L. Pons
Dawn K. Waybill

The following two applicants did not have sufficient driving experience during the past three years under normal highway operating conditions:

Michael Garnys
Edward F. Schrader II

The following applicant, Marsden A. Cummings, was unable to obtain a statement from an optometrist or ophthalmologist stating that he was able to operate a commercial vehicle from a vision standpoint.

The following 19 applicants were denied for multiple reasons:

Shawn B. Blanton
Lorena G. Booker
Gaylon W. Bumpus
Teddy E. Cole
David R. Ford
Joseph R. Fritz
Alan G. Hicks
Tony B. Johnson
Raymond W. Lytle, Sr.
William E. Montanari, Sr.
Donald H. Nelson
Delbert L. Priddle
James D. Simental
Dennis L. Smith
Patrick L. Stansell
Dustin L. Stone
Barron A. Story
Samuel M. Washington
Gary E. Williams

The following two applicants did not have stable vision for the entire three-year period:

Jeffrey L. Jones
Carl A. Shaner

The following 21 applicants met the current federal vision standards.

Exemptions are not required for applicants who meet the current regulations for vision:

David D. Bond
Nicholas J. Carbone
Harold C. Darden
Douglas J. Davis
Whitney R. Everhart
Craig T. Gerror
Darren E. Giles
In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this provides the public notice that by a document dated April 14, 2015, the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLarra)—on behalf of Baltimore Industrial Railroad, Cloquet Terminal Railroad Company, Incorporated, and East Erie Commercial Railroad—petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for an amended waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal hours of service laws contained at 49 U.S.C. 21103(a)(4), which, in part, require a train employee to receive 48 hours off duty after initiating an on-duty period for 6 consecutive days. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2009–0078.

In its petition, ASLRRA seeks to amend its existing waiver to add the three railroads referenced above, which did not participate in ASLRRA’s prior waiver petition. FRA granted ASLRRA’s petition for a waiver extension in a letter dated February 27, 2012. The waiver allows a train employee to initiate an on-duty period each day for 6 consecutive days followed by 24 hours, rather than 48 hours, off duty.

Each railroad that seeks to be added to the waiver executes a compliance letter, attesting that it complies with all of the employee consent requirements that FRA set forth in its initial decision letter, dated March 5, 2010. Additionally, each railroad will maintain the underlying employee consent or employee representative consent documents in its files for FRA inspection.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., W12–140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

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 and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- Web site: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- 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 by August 31, 2015 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable.

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 document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. 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 FDMS), which can be reviewed at www.dot.gov/privacy. See also http://www.regulations.gov/#/privacyNotice for the privacy notice of regulations.gov.

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Ron Hynes,
Director, Office of Technical Oversight.

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