applicants in the exemption document and include the following: each driver must (1) remain seizure-free, maintain a stable treatment, and report to FMCSA within 24 hours if they experience a seizure or change in treatment regimen during the 2-year exemption period; (2) submit to FMCSA annual reports from their treating physicians attesting to the stability of treatment and that the driver has remained seizure-free; (3) undergo an annual medical examination by a certified medical examiner, as defined by 49 CFR 390.5T; (4) provide a copy of the annual medical certification to their employer for retention in the driver's qualification file, or keep a copy in their driver's qualification file if they are self-employed; (5) report to FMCSA the date, location, and time of any crashes, as defined in 49 CFR 390.5T, within 7 days of the crash; (6) report to FMCSA any citations and convictions for disqualifying offenses under 49 CFR parts 383 and 391 within 7 days of the citations and convictions; and (7) submit to FMCSA annual certified driving records from their SDLA. The driver must also have a copy of the exemption when driving, for presentation to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local law enforcement official. In addition, the driver must meet all applicable commercial driver's license testing requirements.

VII. 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.

VIII. Conclusion

Based upon its evaluation of the 16 exemption applications, FMCSA exempts the following drivers from the epilepsy and seizure disorder prohibition in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(8), subject to the requirements cited above:

Collin Ahlness (MN)
Cory Broyles (GA)
William Bryant (AL)
Patrick Doran (IL)
Edward Gaskins, Jr. (SC)
Myles Glascor (OH)
David Jenkins (TN)
James Kaphan (CA)
Sabrina Lasica (CO)
Parker Lehman (CO)
Daniel Malay (MI)
Michael McNespey (AL)
Derek Mikkola (TN)
Jose Ramos, III (TX)
Tyler Riggs (OH)
Jacob Rose (VT)

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b), and FMCSA's policy of issuing medical exemptions for a 2-year period to correspond with the medical certificate, each exemption will be valid for 2 years from the effective date unless revoked earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be revoked if the following occurs: (1) the person fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption, as set forth above; (2) the exemption has resulted in a lower level of safety than was maintained prior to being granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of Title 49, chapter 313 or section 31136.

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2026–2707]

Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operation; Metronet Application for Exemption

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

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

SUMMARY: FMCSA requests public comment on an application from Metronet for an exemption from the requirement that all exterior lighting devices be steady burning. The exemption would allow Metronet to use Grote Industries LLC's (Grote) amber brake-activated pulsating lamp on its commercial motor vehicles (CMVs), including pickup truck service vehicles not covered by the exemption FMCSA previously granted to Grote, in addition to the steady-burning brake lamps required by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 4, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Docket Number FMCSA–2026–2707 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal: 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, W58–213, West Building, Washington, DC 20590–0001.
- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W58–213, West Building, Washington, DC 20590–0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
- *Fax:* (202) 493–2251.
- Each submission must include the Agency name and the docket number (FMCSA–2026–2707) for this notice. Note that DOT posts all comments received without change to *www.regulations.gov*, including any personal information included in a comment. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

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, including any personal information the commenter provides, to *www.regulations.gov*, as described in the system of records notice DOT/ALL–14 FDMS (Federal Docket Management System (FDMS)), which can be reviewed at *https://www.transportation.gov/individuals/privacy/privacy-act-system-records-notices*. The comments are posted without edit and are searchable by the name of the submitter.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Sutula, Chief, Vehicle and Roadside Operations Division, Office of Carrier, Driver, and Vehicle Safety, FMCSA; *MCPSV@dot.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation and Request for Comments

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

A. Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (FMCSA–2026–2707), indicate the specific section of this document to which the comment applies, and provide a reason for your 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 *https://www.regulations.gov/docket/FMCSA-2026-2707/document*, click on this notice, click ''Comment,'' and type your comment into the text box on the following screen.

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. Comments received after the comment closing date will be filed in the public docket and will be considered to the extent practicable.

B. Confidential Business Information (CBI)

CBI is commercial or financial information that is both customarily and actually treated as private by its owner. Under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), CBI is exempt from public disclosure. If your comments responsive to the notice contain commercial or financial information that is customarily treated as private, that you actually treat as private, and that is relevant or responsive to the notice, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Please mark each page of your submission that constitutes CBI as ''PROPIN'' to indicate it contains proprietary information. FMCSA will treat such marked submissions as confidential under the Freedom of Information Act, and they will not be placed in the public docket of the notice. Submissions containing CBI should be sent to Sarah Stella, Chief, Regulatory Development Division, Office of Policy, FMCSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001 or via email at *sarah.stella@dot.gov*. At this time, you need not send a duplicate hardcopy of your electronic CBI submissions to FMCSA headquarters. Any comments FMCSA receives not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket for this notice.

C. Viewing Comments and Documents

To view comments, as well as any documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to *https://www.regulations.gov*, insert FMCSA–2026–2707 in the keyword box, select the document tab and choose the document to review. To view comments, click this notice, then click ''Browse Comments.'' If you do not have access to the internet, you may view the docket by visiting Dockets Operations in the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W58–213, Washington, DC 20590–0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

II. Legal Basis

FMCSA has authority under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b) to grant exemptions from the 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 the applicant's safety analysis. The Agency must provide an opportunity for public comment on the request.

The Agency reviews the application, 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 absent such exemption, pursuant to the standard set forth in 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(1). The Agency must publish its decision in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(b)). If granted, the notice will identify the regulatory provision(s) from which the exempted party will be exempt, the effective period, and all terms and conditions of the exemption (49 CFR 381.315(c)(1)). If the exemption is denied, the notice will explain the reason for the denial (49 CFR 381.315(c)(2)). The exemption may be renewed (49 CFR 381.300(b)).

III. Applicant's Request

Current Regulatory Requirements

Section 393.25(e) of the FMCSRs requires all exterior lamps (both required lamps and any additional lamps) to be steady burning except turn signal lamps, hazard warning signal lamps, school bus warning lamps, amber warning lamps or flashing warning lamps on tow trucks and CMVs transporting oversized loads, and warning lamps on emergency and service vehicles authorized by State or local authorities.

Applicant's Request

Metronet applied for a 5-year exemption from 49 CFR 393.25(e) to allow it to use Grote's Auxiliary Strobe & Stop Lamp on its trailers, pickup truck service vehicles, and van body straight trucks. FMCSA previously granted Grote an exemption, which expires on December 2, 2030, permitting motor carriers to use Grote's auxiliary pulsating brake lamps on trailers and van body straight trucks (90 FR 51430). Metronet's request also includes pickup truck service vehicles, a vehicle type that is not included within the scope of the existing Grote exemption. Pickup trucks are not ''commercial motor vehicles'' subject to the FMCSRs unless they have a gross vehicle weight (GVW) or gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 10,001 pounds or more and operate in interstate commerce. Metronet did not explain whether any of its vehicles operate in interstate commerce.

Metronet states that the auxiliary lamp would be installed in addition to the steady-burning brake lamps required by the FMCSRs. Upon application of the brakes, the auxiliary lamp would operate as a Class II strobe for up to 4 seconds and then illuminate with a steady-burning red light for the remainder of the time that the brake circuit is activated. The auxiliary lamp would remain off when the brake circuit is not activated.

Metronet states that pulsating auxiliary brake lamps can increase vehicle conspicuity and may reduce the frequency of rear-end crashes. Metronet cites research conducted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration concerning enhanced rear-signaling systems and notes that FMCSA has previously granted similar exemptions to the National Tank Truck Carriers, Inc., Grote, and Waste Management.

Metronet reports that rear-end collisions accounted for 19 percent of its reportable crashes in 2025. Metronet asserts that the requested exemption would permit it to improve the visibility of its vehicles and reduce the risk of rear-end collisions while maintaining a level of safety equivalent to, or greater than, the level achieved without the exemption.

A copy of Metronet's 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 Metronet's application for an exemption from the requirement of 49 CFR 393.25(e). All comments received before the close of business on the comment closing date 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,

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