Nominations may be emailed to freight@dot.gov or faxed to the attention of Shira Bergstein at (202) 366–0263, or mailed to Shira Bergstein, U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of the Secretary Office of Policy, Room W84–317 (P–40), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Nominations must be received on or before midnight E.D.T. on March 21, 2013. The Department encourages nominations submitted any time before the deadline. The Department is not responsible for any technical difficulties submitting a nomination form.

Nominees selected for appointment to the Committee will be notified by return email and by a letter of appointment. A selection team comprising representatives from several DOT offices will review the nomination packages. The selection team will make recommendations regarding membership to the Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy based on criteria including (1) professional or academic expertise, experience, and knowledge; (2) stakeholder representation; (3) availability and willingness to serve; and (4) relevant experience in working in committees and advisory panels. The Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy will submit a list of recommended candidates to the Secretary of Transportation for review and final selection of Committee members.

Nominations are open to all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical disability, marital status, or sexual orientation. To ensure that recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by DOT, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. Please note, however, that federally registered lobbyists are ineligible for nomination.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Pilot Project on NAFTA Trucking Provisions

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On September 12, 2011, FMCSA announced and requested public comment on data and information concerning the Pre-Authorization Safety Audit (PASA) for Grupo Behr de Baja California SA de CV (Grupo Behr), USDOT# 861744, a motor carrier that applied to participate in the Agency’s long-haul pilot program. That action was required by the “U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans’ Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007” and all subsequent appropriations. While Grupo Behr successfully completed the PASA process, commenters raised concerns about the company’s safety record. In addition, during the Agency’s safety vetting process, an operating authority violation was discovered. As a result, the Agency placed Grupo Behr’s application on hold. The purpose of this notice is to respond to the comments received in response to the September 12, 2011, notice, and to explain the enforcement action that the Agency took as a result of the operating authority violation.

In addition, this notice advises that the Agency will now issue provisional authority to Grupo Behr for participation in the long-haul pilot program.

ADDRESSES: Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to http://www.regulations.gov at any time or to Room W12–140 on the ground floor of