verified that the driver has demonstrated a willingness to properly monitor and manage his/her diabetes mellitus, received education related to diabetes management, and is on a stable insulin regimen. These drivers report no other disqualifying conditions, including diabetes-related complications. Each meets the vision requirement at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10).

The qualifications and medical condition of each applicant were stated and discussed in detail in the December 27, 2013, Federal Register notice and they will not be repeated in this notice.

Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received twenty-two comments in this proceeding. The comments are discussed and considered below.

Eleven of the comments received were in favor of granting Scott A. Stout an exemption from the diabetes standard.

Seven of the comments received were in favor of granting Anthony D. Chrisley an exemption from the diabetes standard.

Larry Dewald is in favor of granting Delayne B. Irwin an exemption from the diabetes standard.

Jami Pierce is in favor of granting Randall D. Pierce an exemption from the diabetes standard.

John Riley is in favor of granting Michael M. Canup an exemption from the diabetes standard.

An anonymous commenter believes that if a driver has over 5 years of experience with no traffic violations that they should be grandfathered into the Diabetes Exemption Program.

Basis for Exemption Determination

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may grant an exemption from the diabetes requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3) if the exemption is likely to achieve an equivalent or greater level of safety than would be achieved without the exemption. The exemption allows the applicants to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

To evaluate the effect of these exemptions on safety, FMCSA considered medical reports about the applicants’ ITDM and vision, and reviewed the treating endocrinologists’ medical opinion related to the ability of the driver to safely operate a CMV while using insulin.

Consequently, FMCSA finds that in each case exempting these applicants from the diabetes requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3) is likely to achieve a level of safety equal to that existing without the exemption.

Conditions and Requirements

The terms and conditions of the exemption will be provided to the applicants in the exemption document and they include the following: (1) That each individual submit a quarterly monitoring checklist completed by the treating endocrinologist as well as an annual checklist with a comprehensive medical evaluation; (2) that each individual reports within 2 business days of occurrence, all episodes of severe hypoglycemia, significant complications, or inability to manage diabetes; also, any involvement in an accident or any other adverse event in a CMV or personal vehicle, whether or not it is related to an episode of hypoglycemia; (3) that each individual provide a copy of the ophthalmologist’s or optometrist’s report to the medical examiner at the time of the annual medical examination; and (4) that each individual provide a copy of the annual medical certification to the employer for retention in the driver’s qualification file, or keep a copy in his/her driver’s qualification file if he/she is self-employed. The driver must also have a copy of the certification when driving, for presentation to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement official.

Conclusion

Based upon its evaluation of the 65 exemption applications, FMCSA exempts Bruce S. Allen (ME), David E. Ames (IL), Michael R. Boland (IL), Taylor D. Bruce (MO), Christopher D. Burks (MA), Larry D. Burton (IL), James B. Cameron (PA), Michael M. Canup (AL), John M. Catron (MO), Anthony D. Chrisley (CA), Henry Collins (MO), John B. Conway, Jr. (NC), James V. Davidson, Jr. (UT), Michael A. De La Torre (CA), Corrado DePalma (NJ), Eugene J. Dilley (WI), Scott T. Early (NY), Carl Ermentrout (PA), Douglas E. Erney (IN), William C. Flom (IA), Seth E. Frost (OR), Donald R. Fuller, Jr. (MN), Brian A. Griepp (IA), George E. Hagar (IL), Ronnie L. Harrington (MS), Andrew P. Hines (OH), Arlyn D. Holtrop (IA), Stephan P. Hyre (OH), Delayne B. Irwin (SD), Aaron C. Kaplan (CA), Sigmund E. Keller (NY), Derl T. Martin (MO), Waymond E. Mayfield, Jr. (MO), Senad Mehmendovc (KY), Ronald E. Mullard (AL), Francis L. Novotny (MN), Justin C. Orr (CA), Kevin L. Otto (OH), Larry H. Painter (PA), Robert K. Patterson (IA), Alan A. Phillips (WI), Randall D. Pierce (FL), Clyde R. Pitt (NY), Reynier Frieto (FL), Albert R. Purdy (PA), Adam Razny (MO), Thomas F. Scanlon (NJ), Christopher J. Schmidt (PA), Harrison G. Simmons (MO), Cleo W. Snyder (IL), Daniel E. Stack (NE), Scott A. Stout (FL), Walter D. Strang, IV (CT), Mark A. Torres (MA), Gerald L. Ulmer, Sr. (PA), Eric A. Vernon (IA), Paul M. Vinacco (RI), Marvin L. Vonk (IA), Kelly J. Walstad (MN), John R. Wappes (OH), James W. Watson (MO), Gordon E. Williams, Jr. (PA), Ray C. Williams (CT), Ricky A. Wulf (IA), and Brandon S. Yarbrough (NC) from the ITDM requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3), subject to the conditions listed under “Conditions and Requirements” above.

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315 each exemption will be valid for two years 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; (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. If the exemption is still effective at the end of the 2-year period, the person may apply to FMCSA for a renewal under procedures in effect at that time.

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Larry W. Minor,
Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. EP 558 (Sub-No. 17)]

Railroad Cost of Capital—2013

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of decision instituting a proceeding to determine the railroad industry’s 2013 cost of capital.

SUMMARY: The Board is instituting a proceeding to determine the railroad industry’s cost of capital for 2013. The decision solicits comments on the following issues: (1) The railroads’ 2013 current cost of debt capital; (2) the railroads’ 2013 current cost of preferred equity capital (if any); (3) the railroads’ 2013 cost of common equity capital; and (4) the 2013 capital structure mix of the railroad industry on a market value basis. Comments should focus on the various cost of capital components listed above using the same methodology followed in Railroad Cost of Capital—2012, EP 558 (Sub-No. 16) (STB served Aug. 30, 2013).
DATES: Notices of intent to participate are due by March 31, 2014. Statements of the railroads are due by April 21, 2014. Statements of other interested persons are due by May 12, 2014. Rebuttal statements by the railroads are due by June 2, 2014.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

ON FEBRUARY 27, 2014, the Director of OFAC designated the following seven individuals and ten entities whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to section 805(b) of the Kingpin Act.

1. AMARILLAS LOPEZ, Gabriela, Av. de la Mancha #73-A, Col. Lomas de Zapopan, Zapopan, Jalisco 45130, Mexico; Av. Rio Choix 824, Culiacan, Sinaloa, Mexico; DOB 21 Sep 1979; P.OB Culiacan, Sinaloa, Mexico; C.U.R.P. AAILG790921MSLMB09 (Mexico) (individual) [SDNTK] (Linked To: CASA DE EMPENO GUADALAJARA, S.A. DE C.V.).

2. CUELLAR HURTADO, Hugo, Av. Artesanos 1498, Colonia Oblatos, Zapopan, Jalisco, Mexico; Calle Paseo de la Pradera 23, Fraccionamiento Royal Country, Zapopan, Jalisco, Mexico; Kr 76 173 45 In 4, Bogota, Colombia; Trv 176 N 56 25, Bogota, Colombia; DOB 18 May 1947; POB Florencia, Caqueta, Colombia; Cedula No. 17622278 (Colombia); C.U.R.P. CUHH740518HNELRG00 (Mexico) (individual) [SDNTK] (Linked To: AGRICOLA Y GANADERA CUEMIR, S.P.R. DE R.L.; Linked To: AGRO Y COMERCIO DE SANTA BARBARA LAGROMER S. EN C.; Linked To: COMPANIA AGRO COMERCIAL CUETA S. EN C.; Linked To: COOPERATIVA AVESTRUZ CUEMIR, S.C. DE R.L. DE C.V.; Linked To: INVERSIONES HUNEL LTDA.; Linked To: CASA COMERCIAL UNI QUINCE COMPRAVENTA).

3. CUELLAR SILVA, John Freddy, Calle Paseo Royal Country 5598–23, Fraccionamiento Royal Country, Zapopan, Jalisco, Mexico; Lopez Cotilla 100 Centro, Guadalajara; Jalisco C.P. 44100, Mexico; DOB 17 May 1976; POB Florencia, Caqueta, Colombia; Cedula No. 79904164 (Colombia); R.F.C. CuJh760517HNE (Mexico) (individual) [SDNTK] (Linked To: AGRO Y COMERCIO DE SANTA BARBARA LAGROMER S. EN C.; Linked To: COMPANIA AGRO COMERCIAL CUETA S. EN C.; Linked To: INVERSIONES HUNEL LTDA.; Linked To: CASA COMERCIAL ORO RAPIDO; Linked To: CASA DE EMPENO GUADALAJARA, S.A. DE C.V.; Linked To: PRENDA TODO, S.A. DE C.V.).

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