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*Virgil Godbey*—We were unable to contact Mr. Godbey by phone or mail to ascertain his status.

*Glen Hogan*—Mr. Hogan withdrew his request for a seizure exemption.

*Jordan Hyster*—Mr. Hyster has a diagnosis of epilepsy, and his last seizure was 2009. He will have been seizure-free for 8 years, as required by the MEP guidelines, in 2017. He may reapply at that time.

*Phillip McLain*—Mr. McLain withdrew his request for a seizure exemption.

*Mark Smith*—Mr. Smith has a history of a seizure disorder. His last seizure was in 2010. He will have been seizure-free for 8 years, as required by the MEP guidelines, in 2018. He may reapply at that time.

*Cheryl Woskie*—We were unable to contact Ms. Woskie by phone mail to ascertain her status.

• *The following drivers were listed previously in Federal Register Notice FMCSA–2012–0050 published on February 29, 2012:*

*Darren Carroll*—Mr. Carroll has a history of a seizure in 2011. He does not meet the exemption criteria at this time.

*Charles Johnson*—Mr. Johnson has a history of a seizure disorder. His last seizure was in 2011. He will have been seizure-free for 8 years, as required by the MEP guidelines, in 2019.

He may reapply at that time.

• *The following drivers were listed previously in Federal Register Notice FMCSA–2012–0094 published on January 15, 2013:*

*Sonja Cottle*—Ms. Cottle does not require an exemption from the epilepsy and seizure standard because she does not have a history of seizure and is not taking anti-seizure medication.

*Jeffrey Davis*—Mr. Davis has a history of a seizure in 2011. He does not meet the exemption criteria at this time.

*Juan Flores*—Mr. Flores has a history of a seizure disorder. His last seizure was in 2011. He will have been seizure-free for 8 years, as required by the MEP guidelines, in 2019. He may reapply at that time.

*Glenn Gervais*—Mr. Gervais has a history of a seizure in 2011. He does not meet the exemption criteria at this time.

*Daryl Goodman*—We were unable to contact Mr. Goodman by phone or mail to ascertain his status.

*Gary Osley*—We were unable to contact Mr. Osley by phone or mail to ascertain his status.

• *The following driver was listed previously in Federal Register Notice FMCSA–2013–0106 published on April 24, 2013:*

*James Kivett*—Mr. Kivett has a history of a seizure in 2011. He does not meet the exemption criteria at this time.

• *The following driver was listed previously in Federal Register Notice FMCSA–2013–0108 published on September 16, 2013:*

*Paul Kane*—Mr. Kane has a diagnosis of epilepsy, and his last seizure was 2009. He will have been seizure-free for 8 years, as required by the MEP guidelines, in 2017. He may reapply at that time.

• *The following drivers were listed previously in Federal Register Notice FMCSA–2013–0109 published on November 13, 2013:*

*Montie Bullis*—Mr. Bullis has a diagnosis of a seizure disorder, and his last seizure was in 2009. He will have been seizure-free for 8 years, as required by the MEP guidelines, in 2017. He may reapply at that time.

*Rick Cote*—Mr. Cote has a diagnosis of epilepsy, and his last seizure was in 2009. He will have been seizure-free for 8 years, as required by the MEP guidelines, in 2017. He may reapply at that time.

*Barry Von Gulner*—Mr. Von Gulner has a diagnosis of probable epilepsy, and his last seizure was in 2008. He will have been seizure-free for 8 years, as required by the MEP guidelines, in 2016. He may reapply at that time.

*John Welch*—Mr. Welch has a diagnosis of epilepsy, and his last seizure was in 2000. He discontinued his anti-seizure medication in 2009. He will have been stable, off of anti-seizure medication for 8 years, as required by the MEP guidelines, in 2017.

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**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2003–15268; FMCSA–2008–0106; FMCSA–2008–0231; FMCSA–2010–0050; FMCSA–2010–0161; FMCSA–2012–0161; FMCSA–2012–0215; FMCSA–2012–0216]

### Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

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

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

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its decision to renew the exemptions from

the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for 14 individuals. 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 exemption renewals will provide a level of safety that is equivalent to or greater than the level of safety maintained without the exemptions for these commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers.

**DATES:** This decision is effective October 31, 2014. Comments must be received on or before October 31, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) numbers: Docket No. [Docket No. FMCSA–2003–15268; FMCSA–2008–0106; FMCSA–2008–0231; FMCSA–2010–0050; FMCSA–2010–0161; FMCSA–2012–0161; FMCSA–2012–0215; FMCSA–2012–0216], using any of the following methods:

• *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

• *Mail:* Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

• *Hand Delivery or Courier:* West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

• *Fax:* 1–202–493–2251.

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page that appears after submitting comments on-line.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elaine M. Papp, R.N., Chief, Medical Programs Division, 202-366-4001, [fmcsamedical@dot.gov](mailto:fmcsamedical@dot.gov), FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W64-224, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may renew an exemption from the vision requirements in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), which applies to drivers of CMVs in interstate commerce, for a two-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 procedures for requesting an exemption (including renewals) are set out in 49 CFR part 381.

**II. Exemption Decision**

This notice addresses 14 individuals who have requested renewal of their exemptions in accordance with FMCSA procedures. FMCSA has evaluated these 14 applications for renewal on their merits and decided to extend each exemption for a renewable two-year period. They are:

Calvin D. Bills (VA)  
 Donald L. Blakeley II (NV)  
 Edward A. Egy (OH)  
 Eric M. Giddens, Sr. (DE)  
 Roger S. Hardin (AL)  
 John H. Holmberg (WI)  
 Jesse P. Jamison (TN)  
 Matthew J. Mantooth (KY)  
 James G. Mitchell (AL)  
 James J. Monticello (IN)  
 Jason N. Moore (VA)  
 Steven R. Smith (ID)  
 Scott E. Tussey (KY)  
 Michael J. Wells (NC)

The exemptions are extended subject to the following conditions: (1) That each individual has a physical examination every year (a) by an

ophthalmologist or optometrist who attests that the vision in the better eye continues to meet the requirements in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), and (b) by a medical examiner who attests that the individual is otherwise physically qualified under 49 CFR 391.41; (2) that each individual provides a copy of the ophthalmologist's or optometrist's report to the medical examiner at the time of the annual medical examination; and (3) that each individual provide a copy of the annual medical certification to the employer for retention in the driver's qualification file and retains a copy of the certification on his/her person while driving for presentation to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement official. Each exemption will be valid for two years unless rescinded earlier by FMCSA. 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.

**III. Basis for Renewing Exemptions**

Under 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(1), an exemption may be granted for no longer than two years from its approval date and may be renewed upon application for additional two year periods. In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, each of the 14 applicants has satisfied the entry conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirements (68 FR 37197; 68 FR 48989; 70 FR 42615; 72 FR 54971; 73 FR 35197; 73 FR 35198; 73 FR 46973; 73 FR 48275; 73 FR 54888; 74 FR 64125; 75 FR 14658; 75 FR 28684; 75 FR 39725; 75 FR 44051; 75 FR 52062; 75 FR 52063; 75 FR 61833; 75 FR 64396; 77 FR 36338; 77 FR 40945; 77 FR 41879; 77 FR 46153; 77 FR 52381; 77 FR 52388; 77 FR 52389; 77 FR 52391; 77 FR 56261; 77 FR 56262; 77 FR 64582; 77 FR 64841; 77 FR 65933). Each of these 14 applicants has requested renewal of the exemption and has submitted evidence showing that the vision in the better eye continues to meet the requirement specified at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) and that the vision impairment is stable. In addition, a review of each record of safety while driving with the respective vision deficiencies over the past two years indicates each applicant continues to meet the vision exemption requirements.

These factors provide an adequate basis for predicting each driver's ability to continue to drive safely in interstate commerce. Therefore, FMCSA

concludes that extending the exemption for each renewal applicant for a period of two years is likely to achieve a level of safety equal to that existing without the exemption.

**IV. Public Participation and Request for Comments**

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

*Submitting Comments*

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (FMCSA-2003-15268; FMCSA-2008-0106; FMCSA-2008-0231; FMCSA-2010-0050; FMCSA-2010-0161; FMCSA-2012-0161; FMCSA-2012-0215; FMCSA-2012-0216), 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 the Agency can contact you if it has questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and put the docket number, "FMCSA-2003-15268; FMCSA-2008-0106; FMCSA-2008-0231; FMCSA-2010-0050; FMCSA-2010-0161; FMCSA-2012-0161; FMCSA-2012-0215; FMCSA-2012-0216" in the "Keyword" box, and click "Search." When the new screen appears, click on "Comment Now!" button and type your comment into the text box in 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. If you submit comments by mail and would like to know that they reached the facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. FMCSA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period and may change this notice based on your comments.

*Viewing Comments and Documents*

To view comments, as well as any documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and in the search box insert the docket number, "FMCSA-2003-15268; FMCSA-2008-0106; FMCSA-2008-0231; FMCSA-

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Issued on: September 25, 2014.

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-1998-3637; FMCSA-2000-7006; FMCSA-2000-7165; FMCSA-2000-8203; FMCSA-2002-12294; FMCSA-2004-17984; FMCSA-2004-18885; FMCSA-2012-0215]

#### Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

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

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

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its decision to renew the exemptions from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for 10 individuals. 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 exemption renewals will provide a level of safety that is equivalent to or greater than the level of safety maintained without the exemptions for these commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers.

**DATES:** This decision is effective November 9, 2014. Comments must be received on or before October 31, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) numbers: Docket No. [Docket No. FMCSA-1998-3637; FMCSA-2000-7006; FMCSA-2000-7165; FMCSA-2000-8203; FMCSA-2002-12294; FMCSA-2004-17984; FMCSA-2004-18885; FMCSA-2012-

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#### II. Exemption Decision

This notice addresses 10 individuals who have requested renewal of their exemptions in accordance with FMCSA procedures. FMCSA has evaluated these 10 applications for renewal on their merits and decided to extend each exemption for a renewable two-year period. They are:

John W. Arnold (KY)  
Richard B. Eckert (NY)  
Gary R. Evans (CT)  
Harlan L. Gunter (VA)  
David M. Hagadorn (NJ)  
Andrew F. Hill (TX)  
Danny E. Hillier (ND)  
Garry R. Setters (KY)  
Jimmy E. Settle (MO)  
Hubert Whittenburg (MO)

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