

BNSF and its predecessors have operated trackage rights over the Line since 1951. *See Chi., Burlington & Quincy R.R.—Trackage Rts.*, FD 17482 (ICC served Dec. 18, 1951).

The transaction may be consummated on or after December 9, 2021, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed).

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the acquisition of the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk & Western Railway—Trackage Rights—Burlington Northern, Inc.*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Railway—Lease & Operate—California Western Railroad*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed by December 2, 2021 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. 36561, should be filed with the Surface Transportation Board via e-filing on the Board's website. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on BNSF's representative, Peter W. Denton, Steptoe & Johnson LLP, 1330 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20036.

According to BNSF, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c)(3) and from historic preservation reporting requirements under 49 CFR 1105.8(b)(3).

Board decisions and notices are available at www.stb.gov.

Decided: November 18, 2021.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Raina White,
Clearance Clerk.

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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Tennessee Valley Authority.

verified notice. An executed, unredacted version of the agreement was submitted to the Board under seal concurrently with a motion for protective order. That motion is addressed in a separate decision.

ACTION: 60-Day notice of submission of information collection approval and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The Tennessee Valley Authority is soliciting public comments on this proposed collection.

DATES: Comments should be sent to the Public Information Collection Clearance Officer no later than January 17, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Requests for information, including copies of the information collection proposed and supporting documentation, should be directed to the Public Information Collection Clearance Officer: Jennifer A. Wilds, Specialist, Records Compliance, Tennessee Valley Authority, 400 W Summit Hill Dr., CLK-320, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902-1401; telephone (865) 632-6580 or by email at pra@tva.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Type of Request: New collection.

Title of Information Collection:
Distribution Technology Capability Assessment.

Frequency of Use: Every 2 years.

Type of Affected Public: State, local, and tribal governments; small businesses; non-profit organizations.

Small Businesses or Organizations Affected: Yes.

Federal Budget Functional Category Code: 455.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 153.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 306.

Estimated Average Burden Hours per Response: 2.0.

Need For and Use of Information: As the Balancing Authority of the region, TVA must ensure the electrical grid is reliable. With the growth of Distributed Energy Resources (DER) on the distribution system, TVA and the Local Power Companies (LPCs) must work in tighter coordination to ensure the DER generation does not impact the reliability of the bulk electric system. To support this goal, TVA must understand the current distribution capabilities of the LPCs. Examples of capabilities include but are not limited to customer analytics, advanced asset management, advanced AMI, automated switching, DER monitoring & control, grid planning and voltage optimization. To ease access and completion, information will be submitted online. Once collected, the information will be reviewed by TVA staff and consultants to determine each LPC's state of and plan for system

modernization and will inform strategic investment roadmaps and implementation plans that are being developed as part of the Regional Grid Transformation initiative. Summary level information will be provided to the participating LPCs to allow them to gauge where they stand in terms of their technical capabilities compared to their peers which could help give them useful information that informs their individual priorities and investment plans.

Rebecca L. Coffey,
Agency Records Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2021-0014]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

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

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

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces receipt of applications from 11 individuals for an exemption from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) to operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) in interstate commerce. If granted, the exemptions will enable these individuals to operate CMVs in interstate commerce without meeting the vision requirement in one eye.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 27, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket No. FMCSA-2021-0014 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to www.regulations.gov, insert the docket number, FMCSA-2021-0014, in the keyword box, and click "Search." Next, sort the results by "Posted (Newer-Older)," choose the first notice listed, and click on the "Comment" button. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Dockets Operations; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery:* West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200

New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

- *Fax:* (202) 493-2251.

To avoid duplication, please use only one of these four methods. See the "Public Participation" portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for instructions on submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, (202) 366-4001, fmcsamedical@dot.gov, FMCSA, DOT, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W64-224, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you have questions regarding viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Dockets Operations, (202) 366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation

A. Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (Docket No. FMCSA-2021-0014), 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 that FMCSA can contact you if there are questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to www.regulations.gov/docket?D=FMCSA-2021-0014. Next, sort the results by "Posted (Newer-Older)," choose the first notice listed, click the "Comment" button, and type your comment into the text box on 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.

B. Viewing Comments

To view comments go to www.regulations.gov. Insert the docket number, FMCSA-2021-0014, in the keyword box, and click "Search." Next, sort the results by "Posted (Newer-Older)," choose the first notice listed, and click "Browse Comments." If you do not have access to the internet, you may view the docket online by visiting Dockets Operations in Room W12-140 on the ground floor of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 366-9317 or (202) 366-9826 before visiting Dockets Operations.

C. Privacy Act

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its regulatory process. 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.transportation.gov/privacy.

II. Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), FMCSA may grant an exemption from the FMCSRs for no longer than a 5-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 statute also allows the Agency to renew exemptions at the end of the 5-year period. FMCSA grants medical exemptions from the FMCSRs for a 2-year period to align with the maximum duration of a driver's medical certification.

The 11 individuals listed in this notice have requested an exemption from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). Accordingly, the Agency will evaluate the qualifications of each applicant to determine whether granting an exemption will achieve the required level of safety mandated by statute.

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding vision found in § 391.41(b)(10) states that a person is physically qualified to drive a CMV if that person has distant visual acuity of at least 20/40 (Snellen) in each eye without corrective lenses or visual acuity separately corrected to 20/40 (Snellen) or better with corrective lenses, distant binocular acuity of at least 20/40 (Snellen) in both eyes with or without corrective lenses, field of

vision of at least 70° in the horizontal meridian in each eye, and the ability to recognize the colors of traffic signals and devices showing standard red, green, and amber.

On July 16, 1992, the Agency first published the criteria for the Vision Waiver Program, which listed the conditions and reporting standards that CMV drivers approved for participation would need to meet (57 FR 31458). The current Vision Exemption Program was established in 1998, following the enactment of amendments to the statutes governing exemptions made by § 4007 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), Public Law 105-178, 112 Stat. 107, 401 (June 9, 1998). Vision exemptions are considered under the procedures established in 49 CFR part 381 subpart C, on a case-by-case basis upon application by CMV drivers who do not meet the vision standards of § 391.41(b)(10).

To qualify for an exemption from the vision requirement, FMCSA requires a person to present verifiable evidence that he/she has driven a commercial vehicle safely in intrastate commerce with the vision deficiency for the past three years. Recent driving performance is especially important in evaluating future safety, according to several research studies designed to correlate past and future driving performance. Results of these studies support the principle that the best predictor of future performance by a driver is his/her past record of crashes and traffic violations. Copies of the studies may be found at www.regulations.gov/docket?D=FMCSA-1998-3637.

FMCSA believes it can properly apply the principle to monocular drivers, because data from the Federal Highway Administration's former waiver study program clearly demonstrated the driving performance of experienced monocular drivers in the program is better than that of all CMV drivers collectively.¹ The fact that experienced monocular drivers demonstrated safe driving records in the waiver program supports a conclusion that other monocular drivers, meeting the same qualifying conditions as those required by the waiver program, are also likely to have adapted to their vision deficiency and will continue to operate safely.

The first major research correlating past and future performance was done in England by Greenwood and Yule in 1920. Subsequent studies, building on

¹ A thorough discussion of this issue may be found in a FHWA final rule published in the **Federal Register** on March 26, 1996 and available on the internet at <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-1996-03-26/pdf/96-7226.pdf>.

that model, concluded that crash rates for the same individual exposed to certain risks for two different time periods vary only slightly (See Bates and Neyman, University of California Publications in Statistics, April 1952). Other studies demonstrated theories of predicting crash proneness from crash history coupled with other factors. These factors—such as age, sex, geographic location, mileage driven and conviction history—are used every day by insurance companies and motor vehicle bureaus to predict the probability of an individual experiencing future crashes (See Weber, Donald C., “Accident Rate Potential: An Application of Multiple Regression Analysis of a Poisson Process,” Journal of American Statistical Association, June 1971). A 1964 California Driver Record Study prepared by the California Department of Motor Vehicles concluded that the best overall crash predictor for both concurrent and nonconcurrent events is the number of single convictions. This study used 3 consecutive years of data, comparing the experiences of drivers in the first 2 years with their experiences in the final year.

III. Qualifications of Applicants

Travis Crosson

Mr. Crosson, 44, has had a rental detachment in his left eye due to a traumatic incident in 1996. The visual acuity in his right eye is 20/20, and in his left eye, light perception. Following an examination in 2021, his optometrist stated, “It is my medical opinion that Travis has sufficient vision to perform the driving tasks required to operate a commercial vehicle.” Mr. Crosson reported that he has driven straight trucks for 15 years, accumulating 144,000 miles, and tractor-trailer combinations for 18 years, accumulating 388,000 miles. He holds a Class A CDL from California. His driving record for the last 3 years shows no crashes and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

George M. Hapchuk

Mr. Hapchuk, 67, has had extropia in his left eye since childhood. The visual acuity in his right eye is 20/20, and in his left eye, 20/60. Following an examination in 2021, his optometrist stated, “It is my impression that Mr. Hapchuk has adequate vision and peripheral vision to perform the tasks needed to operate a commercial vehicle.” Mr. Hapchuk reported that he has driven straight trucks for 49 years, accumulating 1.715 million miles. He holds a Class BM CDL from Pennsylvania. His driving record for the

last 3 years shows no crashes and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

Gerald E. Hartman

Mr. Hartman, 55, has anterior synechiae in his right eye due to a traumatic incident in 1980. The visual acuity in his right eye is hand motion, and in his left eye, 20/25. Following an examination in 2021, his optometrist stated, “Decreased vision OD is due to long standing injury (approximately 40 years) and in my opinion should not affect his ability to safely operate a commercial vehicle.” Mr. Hartman reported that he has driven straight trucks for 15 years, accumulating 702,000 miles. He holds an operator’s license from Oklahoma. His driving record for the last 3 years shows no crashes and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

Derek E. Haynes

Mr. Haynes, 51, has a prosthesis in his left eye due to a traumatic incident in 1988. The visual acuity in his right eye is 20/20, and in his left eye, no light perception. Following an examination in 2021, his optometrist stated, “Based on these findings, I feel Derek E. Haynes has the visual abilities to continue operating a commercial motor vehicle in interstate commerce because of the loss of vision in his left eye occurred in 1988 and he has normal vision in his right eye.” Mr. Haynes reported that he has driven straight trucks for 17 years, accumulating 1.02 million miles, and tractor-trailer combinations for 7 years, accumulating 420,000 miles. He holds a Class A CDL from Iowa. His driving record for the last 3 years shows no crashes and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

Dale O. Hoover

Mr. Hoover, 26, has had a macular retinal detachment in his left eye since 2016. The visual acuity in his right eye is 20/15, and in his left eye, 20/400. Following an examination in 2021, his optometrist stated, “In my medical opinion, Mr. Hoover has sufficient vision to perform the driving tasks to operate a commercial vehicle.” Mr. Hoover reported that he has driven tractor-trailer combinations for 7 years, accumulating 350,000 miles. He holds a Class A CDL from Pennsylvania. His driving record for the last 3 years shows no crashes and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

Michael R. Jackson

Mr. Jackson, 56, has corneal scarring in his left eye due to a traumatic incident in childhood. The visual acuity

in his right eye is 20/20, and in his left eye, 20/400. Following an examination in 2021, his optometrist stated, “Mr. Jackson’s condition is likely to remain stable with insignificant change and I believe he has the ability and sufficient vision to perform driving tasks required to operate a commercial vehicle.” Mr. Jackson reported that he has driven straight trucks for 3 years, accumulating 300,000 miles. He holds an operator’s license from Oklahoma. His driving record for the last 3 years shows no crashes and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

Silvian N. Jones

Mr. Jones, 51, has complete vision loss in his left eye due to a traumatic incident in 2016. The visual acuity in his right eye is 20/25, and in his left eye, no light perception. Following an examination in 2021, his ophthalmologist stated, “I, Jeffrey Hart, MD certify that in my medical opinion Silvian N. Jones has sufficient vision to perform the driving tasks required to operate a commercial motor vehicle (CWW) [sic].” Mr. Jones reported that he has driven tractor-trailer combinations for 18 years, accumulating 900,000 miles. He holds a Class A CDL from Nevada. His driving record for the last 3 years shows no crashes and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

Mark S. Phillips

Mr. Phillips, 51, has had macular degeneration in his left eye related to age since 2017. The visual acuity in his right eye is 20/20, and in his left eye, 20/60. Following an examination in 2021, his optometrist stated, “I certify that in my medical opinion, this patient has sufficient vision to perform the driving tasks required to operate a commercial vehicle.” Mr. Phillips reported that he has driven straight trucks for 16 years, accumulating 464,000 miles, and tractor-trailer combinations for 6 years, accumulating 540,000 miles. He holds a Class AM CDL from Illinois. His driving record for the last 3 years shows no crashes and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

Jessie W. Shearer

Mr. Shearer, 31, has a cataract in his left eye due to a traumatic incident in 2008. The visual acuity in his right eye is 20/20, and in his left eye, 20/70. Following an examination in 2021, his optometrist stated, “I, Bryce Peek OD, certify that Jessie Shearer has sufficient vision to perform the driving tasks required to operate a commercial vehicle.” Mr. Shearer reported that he

has driven straight trucks for 5 years, accumulating 75,000 miles and tractor-trailer combinations for 5 years, accumulating 90,000 miles. He holds a Class A CDL license from West Virginia. His driving record for the last 3 years shows no crashes and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

Ryan K. Terrill

Mr. Terrill, 34, has a retinal detachment in his right eye due to a traumatic incident in 2010. The visual acuity in his right eye is no light perception, and in his left eye, 20/20. Following an examination in 2021, his optometrist stated, "In my medical opinion, Ryan Terrill has sufficient vision to perform the driving tasks required to operate a commercial motor vehicle." Mr. Terrill reported that he has driven straight trucks for 13 years, accumulating 2,600 miles. He holds an operator's license from Vermont. His driving record for the last 3 years shows no crashes and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

Darrin Wilson

Mr. Wilson, 55, has amblyopia in his right eye due to degenerative myopia during childhood. The visual acuity in his right eye is counting fingers, and in his left eye, 20/20. Following an examination in 2021, his optometrist stated, "He demonstrates sufficient vision to perform the driving tasks required to operate a commercial vehicle." Mr. Wilson reported that he has driven straight trucks for 8 years, accumulating 70,844 miles. He holds a Class B CDL from Washington. His driving record for the last 3 years shows one crash, which he was not cited for, and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

IV. Request for Comments

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), FMCSA requests public comment from all interested persons on the exemption petitions described in this notice. We will consider all comments and material received before the close of business on the closing date indicated under the **DATES** section of the notice.

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA 2021-0014]

Request for Information on Title VI Implementation

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, United States Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is extending the comment period for the request for information (RFI) regarding FTA's Title VI implementation, which was published on November 3, 2021, with the original comment period closing on December 3, 2021.

DATES: Comments are requested by January 3, 2022.

ADDRESSES: You may file comments identified by docket number FTA-2021-0014 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave. 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 Ave. SE, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
- *Fax:* (202) 493-2251.

Instructions: To ensure that your comments are filed correctly, please include the docket number provided [FTA-2021-0014] in your comments. If submitting via mail, hand delivery, or courier, please provide two printed copies. Comments received may be read at the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001. The hours of the docket are indicated above in the same location. Comments may also be viewed on the internet, identified by the docket number at the heading of this notice, at www.regulations.gov. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided.

Privacy Act: Except as provided below, all comments received into the docket will be made public in their entirety. The comments will be

searchable by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You should not include information in your comment that you do not want to be made public. You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78) or at www.transportation.gov/privacy.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richie Nguyen, FTA Office of Civil Rights, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-2689 or richie.nguyen@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a letter submitted to the docket dated November 18, 2021, the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), on behalf of more than 1,300 member organizations, requested a 30-day extension of the comment period seeking input on Title VI implementation published in the **Federal Register** on November 3, 2021 (86 FR 60735). As justification for this extension, APTA cited the upcoming holidays, increased grant activity with the recent signing of the recent infrastructure law, and ongoing responses to the COVID-19 pandemic as pulling transit systems in many directions. APTA believes an extension of time would facilitate its members' ability to formulate thoughtful and proactive comments responsive to FTA's request for information.

Given the importance of Title VI implementation and the desire for a robust dialogue on a possible update of FTA's Title VI Circular, FTA believes an extension of time is justified, and an additional 30 days in which to submit comments is adequate. FTA is not republishing the Questions to the Public in this document. Instead, please refer to the November 3, 2021 RFI (86 FR 60735) to view the original questions regarding Title VI implementation.

Scott Giering,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Civil Rights.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. FHWA-2021-0015]

Buy America Request for Information

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), U.S. Department of Energy. (DOE).