

ability to negotiate fees paid to the Sub-Advisers that are more advantageous for the Funds.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

**Robert W. Errett,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #14656 and #14657]

### Georgia Disaster #GA-00066

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Georgia (FEMA-4259-DR), dated 02/26/2016.

*Incident:* Severe Storms and Flooding.

*Incident Period:* 12/22/2015 through 01/13/2016.

*Effective Date:* 02/26/2016.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 04/26/2016.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 11/28/2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on 02/26/2016, Private Non-Profit organizations that provide essential services of governmental nature may file disaster loan applications at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

*Primary Counties:* Baker, Carroll, Chattahoochee, Crawford, Dade, Decatur, Douglas, Fannin, Fayette, Gilmer, Greene, Haralson, Harris, Jeff Davis, Lamar, Macon, Marion, Meriwether, Montgomery, Morgan, Muscogee, Newton, Oglethorpe, Pickens, Stewart, Talbot, Taliaferro, Taylor, Towns, Troup, Upson, Webster, Wilkes.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Non-Profit Organizations With Credit Available Elsewhere ...	2.625
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.625
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.625

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 14656B and for economic injury is 14657B.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59008)

**James E. Rivera,**

*Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 1011 (Sub-No. 2X)]

### Northern Lines Railway, LLC—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Stearns County, MN

Northern Lines Railway, LLC (NLR) filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service* to discontinue service over an approximately 0.45-mile rail line owned by BNSF Railway Company, between milepost 80.66 and milepost 81.11 in St. Joseph, Stearns County, Minn. (the Line). The Line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 56374. NLR has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) overhead traffic on the Line, if any, can be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the Line is pending either with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication) and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the discontinuance of service shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To

address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) to subsidize continued rail service has been received, this exemption will be effective on April 8, 2016, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues and formal expressions of intent to file an OFA to subsidize continued rail service under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2) <sup>1</sup> must be filed by March 21, 2016.<sup>2</sup> Petitions to reopen must be filed by March 29, 2016, with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to NLR's representative: Rose-Michele Nardi, Transport Counsel PC, 1701 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20006.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at [www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov).

Decided: March 4, 2016.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Tia Delano,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2015-0321]

### Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Epilepsy and Seizure Disorders

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

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

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces receipt of applications from 31 individuals for an exemption from the prohibition against persons with a clinical diagnosis of

<sup>1</sup> Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which is currently set at \$1,600. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

<sup>2</sup> Because this is a discontinue proceeding and not an abandonment, interim trail use/rail banking and public use conditions are not appropriate. Because there will be an environmental review during abandonment, this discontinuance does not require an environmental review.

epilepsy or any other condition that is likely to cause a loss of consciousness or any loss of ability to operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) in interstate commerce. If granted, the exemptions would enable these individuals who have had one or more seizures and are taking anti-seizure medication to operate CMVs for up to 2 years in interstate commerce.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 8, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket No. FMCSA–2015–0321 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:* 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.

**Instructions:** Each submission must include the Agency name and the docket numbers for this notice. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below for further information.

**Docket:** For access to the docket to read background documents or comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or Room W12–140 on the ground level of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. If you want acknowledgment that we received your comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard or print the acknowledgement page that appears after submitting comments on-line.

**Privacy Act:** In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to <http://www.regulations.gov> as described in the system records

notice (DOT/ALL–14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <http://www.dot.gov/privacy>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, (202) 366–4001, or via email at [fmcsamedical@dot.gov](mailto:fmcsamedical@dot.gov), or by letter to FMCSA, Room W64–113, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., 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 grant an exemption for up to a 2-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 statutes allow the Agency to renew exemptions at the end of the 2-year period. The 31 individuals listed in this notice have requested an exemption from the epilepsy prohibition in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(8), which applies to drivers who operate CMVs in interstate commerce. Accordingly, the Agency will evaluate the qualifications of each applicant to determine whether granting the exemption will achieve the required level of safety mandated by statute.

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding epilepsy found in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(8) states that a person is physically qualified to drive a CMV if that person:

Has no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of epilepsy or any other condition which is likely to cause the loss of consciousness or any loss of ability to control a CMV.

In addition to the regulations, FMCSA has published advisory criteria to assist medical examiners in determining whether drivers with certain medical conditions are qualified to operate a CMV in interstate commerce. The advisory criteria found in Appendix A to 49 CFR 391.41, states that:

If an individual has had a sudden episode of a non-epileptic seizure or loss of consciousness of unknown cause that did not require anti-seizure medication, the decision whether that person's condition is likely to cause the loss of consciousness or loss of ability to control a CMV should be made on an individual basis by the medical examiner in consultation with the treating physician. Before certification is considered, it is suggested that a 6-month waiting period elapse from the time of the episode. Following the waiting period, it is suggested that the individual have a complete neurological examination. If the results of the examination are negative and anti-seizure

medication is not required, then the driver may be qualified.

In those individual cases where a driver had a seizure or an episode of loss of consciousness that resulted from a known medical condition (e.g., drug reaction, high temperature, acute infectious disease, dehydration, or acute metabolic disturbance), certification should be deferred until the driver has recovered fully from that condition, has no existing residual complications, and is not taking anti-seizure medication.

Drivers who have a history of epilepsy/seizures, off anti-seizure medication and seizure-free for 10 years, may be qualified to operate a CMV in interstate commerce. Interstate drivers with a history of a single unprovoked seizure may be qualified to drive a CMV in interstate commerce if seizure-free and off anti-seizure medication for a 5-year period or more.

As a result of medical examiners misinterpreting advisory criteria as regulation, numerous drivers have been prohibited from operating a CMV in interstate commerce based on the fact that they have had one or more seizures and are taking anti-seizure medication, rather than an individual analysis of their circumstances by a qualified medical examiner based on the physical qualification standards and medical best practices.

**II. Qualifications of Applicants**

*Travis Earl Baird*

Mr. Baird is a 28 year-old driver in Oklahoma. He has a history of a seizure disorder and has remained seizure free since 2003. He takes anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same since that time. His physician states that he is supportive of Mr. Baird receiving an exemption.

*Robert P. Brackett*

Mr. Brackett is a 60 year-old class A CDL holder in Maine. He has a history of a single unprovoked seizure in 2009. He takes anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same since that time. His physician states that he is supportive of Mr. Brackett receiving an exemption.

*Brian R. Checkley, Jr.*

Mr. Checkley is a 36 year-old driver in New Jersey. He has a history of epilepsy and has remained seizure free since 2007. He underwent a right anterior temporal lobectomy in 2007 and has not taken anti-seizure medication since August 2011. His physician states that he is supportive of Mr. Checkley receiving an exemption.

*James Clark*

Mr. Clark is a 32 year-old driver in Pennsylvania. He has a history of a seizure disorder and has remained seizure free since 2003. He takes anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same since that time. His physician states that he is supportive of Mr. Clark receiving an exemption.

*George J. Conte*

Mr. Conte is a 46 year-old driver in Connecticut. He has a history of epilepsy and has remained seizure free since 2014. He takes anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same since that time. His physician states that he is supportive of Mr. Conte receiving an exemption.

*Dean W. Drury*

Mr. Drury is a 55 year-old driver in Illinois. He had one seizure following surgery in February 2015. He currently takes anti-seizure medication but anticipates being weaned off of his this medication in the future. His physician states that he is supportive of Mr. Drury receiving an exemption.

*Kelly Frederick*

Mr. Frederick is a 46 year-old driver in Louisiana. He has a history of a seizure disorder and has remained seizure free since 2005. He takes anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same since that time. His physician states that he is supportive of Mr. Frederick receiving an exemption.

*William Gessner*

Mr. Gessner is a 48 year-old class A CDL holder in Pennsylvania. He has a history of a seizure disorder and has remained seizure free since 2006. He takes anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same since that time. His physician states that he is supportive of Mr. Gessner receiving an exemption.

*Jerry L. Henderson*

Mr. Henderson is a 56 year-old class A CDL holder in Indiana. He has a history of a seizure disorder and has remained seizure free since 2007. He takes anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same since that time. His physician states that he is supportive of Mr. Henderson receiving an exemption.

*Clarence D. Jones*

Mr. Jones is a 73 year-old class A CDL holder in Virginia. He has a history of a seizure disorder and has remained

seizure free since 1987. He takes anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same since that time. His physician states that he is supportive of Mr. Jones receiving an exemption.

*Preston Romayne Kanagy*

Mr. Kanagy is a 35 year-old class A CDL holder in Tennessee. He has a history of epilepsy and has remained seizure free since 2000. He takes anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same since 2001. His physician states that he is supportive of Mr. Kanagy receiving an exemption.

*James Randall King*

Mr. King is a 49 year-old driver in Connecticut. He has a history of a seizure disorder and has remained seizure free since 2007. He has not taken anti-seizure medication since 1988. His physician states that he is supportive of Mr. King receiving an exemption.

*Scott A. Lowe*

Mr. Lowe is a 58 year-old class A CDL holder in Massachusetts. He has a history of a seizure disorder and has remained seizure free since 1983. He takes anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same since that time. His physician states that he is supportive of Mr. Lowe receiving an exemption.

*Ronald Alan Nagy, Jr.*

Mr. Nagy is a 29 year-old driver in Michigan. He underwent a craniotomy for resection of an astrocytoma in June 2015. He takes anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same since that time. His physician states that he is supportive of Mr. Nagy receiving an exemption.

*Roger Lynn Neal*

Mr. Neal is a 55 year-old class A CDL holder in Missouri. He has a history of a seizure disorder and has remained seizure free since 1985. He takes anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same since that time. His physician states that he is supportive of Mr. Neal receiving an exemption.

*Thomas Victor Oconnor*

Mr. Oconnor is a 46 year-old class A CDL holder in Florida. He has a history of a seizure disorder and has remained seizure free since 2005. He takes anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same since that time. His physician states that he is supportive of Mr. Oconnor receiving an exemption.

*Nicholas Ramirez*

Mr. Ramirez is a 37 year-old driver in California. He has a history of a seizure disorder and has remained seizure free since 2010. He takes anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same since that time. His physician states that he is supportive of Mr. Ramirez receiving an exemption.

*Scott William Reaves*

Mr. Reaves is a 52 year-old driver in Texas. He has a history of a seizure disorder and has remained seizure free since 2002. He takes anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same since that time. His physician states that he is supportive of Mr. Reaves receiving an exemption.

*Steven Shirley*

Mr. Shirley is a 54 year-old driver in Utah. He has a history of epilepsy and has remained seizure free since 1996. He takes anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same for two years. His physician states that he is supportive of Mr. Shirley receiving an exemption.

*Tory J. Shuler*

Mr. Shuler is a 47 year-old driver in New York. He has a history of a seizure disorder and has remained seizure free since 2002. He takes anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same since that time. His physician states that he is supportive of Mr. Shuler receiving an exemption.

*Randall T. Slavik*

Mr. Slavik is a 70 year-old class A CDL holder in Missouri. He has a history of a single seizure in 2015. He takes anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same since that time. His physician states that he is supportive of Mr. Slavik receiving an exemption.

*Michael Spinelli, IV*

Mr. Spinelli is a 41 year-old class C CDL holder in New Jersey. He has a history of seizure after being diagnosed with a brain tumor in 2007. He remained seizure free until June 2015 when he suffered a seizure after taking a generic form of his anti-seizure medication. He currently takes the brand name form of this anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same since that time. His physician states that he is supportive of Mr. Spinelli receiving an exemption.

*Matthew Jack Staley*

Mr. Staley is a 43 year-old driver in Colorado. He has a history of epilepsy and has remained seizure free since 1999. He takes anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same since that time. His physician states that he is supportive of Mr. Staley receiving an exemption.

*Michael A. Sypolt*

Mr. Sypolt is a 53 year-old class A CDL holder in West Virginia. He has a history of a seizure disorder and has remained seizure free since 1980. He takes anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same for two years. His physician states that he is supportive of Mr. Sypolt receiving an exemption.

*Daisy Tapia*

Ms. Tapia is a 59 year-old class B CDL holder in New York. She has a history of a single provoked seizure in April 2012, followed by a resection of a benign meningioma. She takes anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same since that time. Her physician states that he is supportive of Ms. Tapia receiving an exemption.

*Peter M. Thompson*

Mr. Thompson is a 23 year-old class A CDL holder in Florida. He has a history of juvenile epilepsy and has remained seizure free since 2003. He does not take anti-seizure medication. His physician states that he is supportive of Mr. Thompson receiving an exemption.

*Paul Richard Trombley*

Mr. Trombley is a 41 year-old class A CDL holder in Michigan. He has a history of a seizure disorder and has remained seizure free since 2014. He takes anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same since that time. His physician states that he is supportive of Mr. Trombley receiving an exemption.

*Mohammad S. Warrad*

Mr. Warrad is a 55 year-old driver in Iowa. He has a history of a seizure disorder and has remained seizure free since 1996. He takes anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same since March 2014. His physician states that he is supportive of Mr. Warrad receiving an exemption.

*Richard James Wenner*

Mr. Wenner is a 50 year-old class A CDL holder in Minnesota. He has a history of a seizure disorder and has

remained seizure free since 2006. He takes anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same that time. His physician states that he is supportive of Mr. Wenner receiving an exemption.

*John Charles Wolfe*

Mr. Wolfe is a 55 year-old class A CDL holder in Pennsylvania. He has a history of epilepsy and has remained seizure free since 2006. He takes anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same that time. His physician states that he is supportive of Mr. Wolfe receiving an exemption.

*Dennis Raymond Zayic*

Mr. Zayic is a 63 year-old driver in Minnesota. He has a history of a seizure following the resection of a benign meningioma in 1995. He takes anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same since that time. His physician states that he is supportive of Mr. Zayic receiving an exemption.

**III. Request for Comments**

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

**IV. Submitting Comments**

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 <http://www.regulations.gov> and in the search box insert the docket number "FMCSA-2015-0321" and click the search button. When the new screen appears, click on the blue "Comment Now!" button on the right hand side of the page. On the new page, enter information required including the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation. 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. We will consider all comments and materials received during the comment period. FMCSA may issue a final determination any time after the close of the comment period.

**V. Viewing Comments and Documents**

To view comments, as well as any documents mentioned in this preamble, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and in the search box insert the docket number FMCSA-2015-0321 and click "Search." Next, click "Open Docket Folder" and you will find all documents and comments related to this notice.

Issued on: February 26, 2016.

**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

**[Docket No. FMCSA-2012-0154; FMCSA-2012-0332; FMCSA-2013-0121; FMCSA-2013-0122; FMCSA-2013-0123; FMCSA-2013-0124; FMCSA-2013-0125]**

**Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Hearing**

**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 hearing requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for 36 individuals. FMCSA has statutory authority to exempt individuals from the hearing 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 valid January 4, 2016. Comments must be received on or before April 8, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) numbers: Docket No. FMCSA-2012-0154; FMCSA-2012-0332; FMCSA-2013-0121; FMCSA-2013-0122; FMCSA-2013-0123; FMCSA-2013-0124; FMCSA-2013-0125, using any of the following methods: