

FMCSA has evaluated these applications for renewal on their merits and decided to extend each exemption for a renewable 2-year period.

### III. Request for Comments

Interested parties or organizations possessing information that would otherwise show that any, or all, of these drivers are not currently achieving the statutory level of safety should immediately notify FMCSA. The Agency will evaluate any adverse evidence submitted and, if safety is being compromised or if continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), FMCSA will take immediate steps to revoke the exemption of a driver.

### IV. Basis for Renewing Exemptions

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), each of the seven applicants has satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the hearing requirement. The seven drivers in this notice remain in good standing with the Agency. In addition, for Commercial Driver's License (CDL) holders, the Commercial Driver's License Information System and the Motor Carrier Management Information System are searched for crash and violation data. For non-CDL holders, the Agency reviews the driving records from the State Driver's Licensing Agency. These factors provide an adequate basis for predicting each driver's ability to continue to safely operate a CMV in interstate commerce. Therefore, FMCSA concludes that extending the exemption for each of these drivers for a period of 2 years is likely to achieve a level of safety equal to that existing without the exemption.

As of May 19, 2020, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following seven individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the hearing requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers:

Forrest Carroll (OH)  
Bryan MacFarlane (OH)  
Michael Murrah (GA)  
Michael Paasch (NE)  
Kelly Pulvermacher (WI)  
Brian Walthall (KS)  
Joshua Chad Weaver (GA)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2012–0123, FMCSA–2013–0124, FMCSA–2013–0125, FMCSA–2016–0003, and FMCSA–2017–0059. Their exemptions are applicable as of May 19, 2020, and will expire on May 19, 2022.

### V. Conditions and Requirements

The exemptions are extended subject to the following conditions: (1) Each driver must report any crashes or accidents as defined in § 390.5; and (2) report all citations and convictions for disqualifying offenses under 49 CFR 383 and 49 CFR 391 to FMCSA; and (3) each driver prohibited from operating a motorcoach or bus with passengers in interstate commerce. The driver must also have a copy of the exemption when driving, for presentation to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement official. In addition, the exemption does not exempt the individual from meeting the applicable CDL testing requirements. Each exemption will be valid for 2 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(b).

### VI. Preemption

During the period the exemption is in effect, no State shall enforce any law or regulation that conflicts with this exemption with respect to a person operating under the exemption.

### VII. Conclusion

Based upon its evaluation of the seven exemption applications, FMCSA renews the exemptions of the aforementioned drivers from the hearing requirement in § 391.41 (b)(11). In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), each exemption will be valid for two years unless revoked earlier by FMCSA.

Larry W. Minor,

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA–2020–0034]

### Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on April 20, 2020, Ohio River Scenic Railway (ORSR) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part

240, Qualifications and Certification of Locomotive Engineers. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2020–0034.

Specifically, ORSR requests a waiver from the requirements of 49 CFR 240.201(d), *Implementation*, which states that a railroad can only permit qualified locomotive engineers to operate locomotives. ORSR seeks to operate an “Engineer-for-an-Hour” charter program and offer non-certified individuals the opportunity to operate a diesel-electric locomotive under the direct supervision of a certified and qualified locomotive engineer. ORSR states the waiver would affect only persons who participate in the program and restrictions would be placed on this operation.

The waiver would cover operations on a 2.6-mile segment of main track between milepost (MP) 3.4 and MP 6.0. There are no public grade crossings or otherwise hazardous or unusual conditions on this segment of track.

Through a series of license agreements, ORSR will utilize the majority of a 22-mile railroad line in Southern Indiana, owned and operated by the Perry County Port Authority (PCPA) d/b/a Hoosier Southern Railroad (HOS), to provide passenger excursion railroad service across Perry and Spencer Counties in Indiana. ORSR's normal excursion operations would occur between MP 2.3 and MP 22.2 on weekends, operating under yard limits not exceeding 10 miles per hour. HOS freight shipments only occur on the line on weekdays, except for special circumstances on the weekends. ORSR schedules must always be coordinated with and approved by the PCPA and HOS to ensure that there are no conflicting train movements.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, W12–140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested parties desire an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the

comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Website:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received by June 19, 2020 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable. Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See also <https://www.regulations.gov/privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

Issued in Washington, DC.

**John Karl Alexy,**

*Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety Chief Safety Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Open Meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Joint Committee

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** An open meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Joint Committee will be conducted. The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comments, ideas, and

suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Thursday, May 28, 2020.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gilbert Martinez at 1-888-912-1227 or (737) 800-4060.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an open meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Joint Committee will be held Thursday, May 28, 2020, at 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time via teleconference. The public is invited to make oral comments or submit written statements for consideration. For more information please contact Gilbert Martinez at 1-888-912-1227 or (737-800-4060), or write TAP Office 3651 S. IH-35, STOP 1005 AUSC, Austin, TX 78741, or post comments to the website: <http://www.improveirs.org>.

The agenda will include various committee issues for submission to the IRS and other TAP related topics. Public input is welcomed.

Dated: April 30, 2020.

**Kevin Brown,**

*Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0853]

### Agency Information Collection Activity: Application for Approval of a Program in a Foreign Country

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits

Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular

information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. Refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0853."

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Authority:* Title 38 CFR 21.4260.

*Title:* Application for Approval of a Program in a Foreign Country, VA Form 22-0976.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0853.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* VA will use the information collected on VA Form 22-0976 to determine if a program in a foreign country is approvable under CFR 21.4260. For a review and decision to be made, the VA needs supporting information from the foreign educational institution.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published at 84 FR 241 on December 16, 2019, pages 68547 and 68548.

*Affected Public:* Educational Institutions.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 338 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per*

*Respondent:* 20 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,014.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Danny S. Green,**

*VA Clearance Officer, Office of Quality, Performance and Risk, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, that a virtual meeting of the Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation (Committee) will be held on May 26-28, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time). The virtual meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of VA on the maintenance and periodic readjustment of the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities. The Committee is to assemble and review relevant