

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 553X), must be filed with the Board via e-filing on the Board's website or in writing addressed to 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on NSR's representative, William A. Mullins, Mullins Law Group PLLC, 2001 L Street NW, Suite 720, Washington, DC 20036.

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

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Decided: September 20, 2024.

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

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Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36804]

Vermilion Valley Railroad Company, LLC—Operation Exemption—FNG Logistics Company

Vermilion Valley Railroad Company, LLC (VRRR), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption pursuant to 49 CFR 1150.41 to operate a rail line owned by FNG Logistics Company (FNG). The line extends approximately 5.91 miles between the Indiana/Illinois state boundary line at milepost 5.18 in Vermillion County, Ind., and the track's terminus at milepost 11.09 at Olin (near Covington) in Warren County, Ind. (the Line). VRRR states that it has operated the Line since 2003 pursuant to an agreement with FNG.

According to the verified notice, VRRR and FNG have entered into a new agreement, which extends the term of the last agreement between VRRR and FNG and amends certain economic terms of the parties' arrangement. Under the new agreement, VRRR will continue to operate the Line to provide common carrier rail service to all shippers on the Line, and to interchange traffic moving to and from the Line with CSX Transportation, Inc.

VRRR certifies that its annual projected revenues as a result of the transaction will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier and will not exceed \$5 million. VRRR also states that the operation

agreement does not involve any interchange commitments.

The earliest this transaction may be consummated is October 9, 2024, the effective date of the exemption.

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 no later than October 2, 2024 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36804, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board either via e-filing on the Board's website or in writing addressed to 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on VRRR's representative, Terence M. Hynes, Sidley Austin LLP, 1501 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20005.

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

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Stefan Rice,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Research, Engineering, and Development Advisory Committee; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Research, Engineering, and Development Advisory Committee (REDAC).

DATES: The meeting will be held on October 16, 2024, from 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. EST. Requests for accommodations for a disability must be received by October 2, 2024. Individuals requesting to speak during the meeting must submit a written copy of their remarks

to DOT by October 2, 2024. Requests to submit written materials to be reviewed during the meeting must be received no later than October 2, 2024.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in a hybrid setting to permit virtual participation. Virtual attendance information will be provided upon registration. The meeting will be held at the Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591. A detailed agenda will be available on the REDAC internet website at <http://www.faa.gov/go/redac> at least one week before the meeting, along with copies of the meeting minutes after the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chinita Roundtree-Coleman, REDAC PM/Lead, FAA/U.S. Department of Transportation, at chinita.roundtree-coleman@faa.gov or (609) 485-7149 or (609) 569-3729. Any committee-related request should be sent to the person listed in this section.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The REDAC was created under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, in accordance with Public Law (Pub. L.) 100-591 (1988) and Public Law 101-508 (1990), to provide advice and recommendations to the FAA Administrator in support of the Agency's Research and Development (R&D) portfolio.

II. Agenda

At the meeting, the agenda will cover the following topics:

- FAA R&D Strategies, Initiatives, and Planning
- Impacts of emerging technologies, new entrant vehicles, and dynamic operations within the National Airspace System

III. Public Participation

DOT is committed to providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. The meetings will be "open to the public" per 41 CFR 102-3.150(a) meeting notice requirements. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, such as sign language, interpretation, or other ancillary aids, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

There will be 45 minutes allotted for oral comments from members of the public joining the meeting. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, the time for each commenter may be limited. Individuals wishing to reserve speaking time during the meeting must submit a request at the

subject to environmental review during the abandonment proceeding, this discontinuance does not require environmental review.

time of registration, as well as the name, address, and organizational affiliation of the proposed speaker. If the number of registrants requesting to make statements is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the meeting, the FAA may conduct a lottery to determine the speakers. Speakers are asked to submit a written copy of their prepared remarks for inclusion in the meeting records and for circulation to REDAC members before the deadline listed in the **DATES** section. All prepared remarks submitted on time will be accepted and considered as part of the meeting's record. Any member of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

Issued in Washington, DC.

Chinita Roundtree-Coleman,
REDAC PM/Lead, Federal Aviation
Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2023-0266]

Commercial Driver's License: Oregon Department of Transportation; Application for Exemption

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

ACTION: Notice of final disposition; grant of application for exemption.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its decision to grant a five-year exemption to the Oregon Department of Transportation (Oregon) from the commercial driver's license (CDL) rules concerning acceptable proof of citizenship or lawful permanent residency for citizens of Freely Associated States (FAS) who reside in Oregon and wish to obtain a CDL or commercial learner's permit (CLP). The FAS are the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) allows States to issue full-term REAL ID licenses and ID cards to citizens of the FAS. The exemption allows Oregon to accept from citizens of the FAS a valid, unexpired passport issued by a FAS and an Arrival/Departure Record, meaning an I-94 or I-94A form, as proof of lawful entry into the United States, and issue standard CLPs and CDLs, rather than non-domiciled CLPs and CDLs, to these individuals. FMCSA concludes that

granting the exemption, subject to the terms and conditions set forth below, is likely to achieve a level of safety equivalent to or greater than the level of safety that would be obtained absent the exemption.

DATES: The exemption is effective September 25, 2024 and expires September 25, 2029.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Pearlie Robinson, Driver and Carrier Operations Division; Office of Carrier, Driver and Vehicle Safety Standards, FMCSA; 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001; (202) 366-4225; pearlie.robinson@dot.gov. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Dockets Operations at (202) 366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation

Viewing Comments and Documents

To view comments, go to www.regulations.gov, insert the docket number "FMCSA-2023-0266" in the keyword box, and click "Search." Next, sort the results by "Posted (Newer-Older)," choose the first notice listed, click "Browse Comments."

To view documents mentioned in this notice as being available in the docket, go to www.regulations.gov, insert the docket number "FMCSA-2023-0266" in the keyword box, click "Search," and chose the document to review.

If you do not have access to the internet, you may view the docket online by visiting Dockets Operations on the ground floor of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, 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.

II. Legal Basis

FMCSA has authority under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b) to grant exemptions from Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs). FMCSA must publish a notice of each exemption request in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(a)). The Agency must provide the public an opportunity to inspect the information relevant to the application, including the applicant's safety analyses, and provide an opportunity for public comment.

The Agency reviews safety analyses and public comments submitted and determines whether granting the exemption would likely achieve a level of safety equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved by the current regulation (49 CFR 381.305(a)).

The Agency must publish its decision in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(b)). If granted, the notice will identify the regulatory provision(s) from which the applicant will be exempt, the effective period, and all terms and conditions of the exemption (49 CFR 381.315(c)(1)). If the exemption is denied, the notice will explain the reasons for the denial (49 CFR 381.315(c)(2)). The exemption may be renewed (49 CFR 381.300(b)).

III. Background

Current Regulation(s) Requirements

Under 49 CFR 383.71(a) and (b), a State Driver Licensing Agency (SDLA) may issue a CDL or CLP only to an applicant who presents proof of United States citizenship or lawful permanent residency, as listed in Table 1 to § 383.71, List of Acceptable Proofs of Citizenship or Lawful Permanent Residency. If the applicant cannot present this proof, then the SDLA may issue the applicant a non-domiciled CDL or CLP instead, under 49 CFR 383.71(f). Thus, under 49 CFR 383.71, a citizen of a FAS, who is not a lawful permanent resident, is not eligible for a CDL or CLP and may be issued only non-domiciled credentials.

The relationships of the United States with the FAS are governed by agreements known as Compacts of Free Association. Under these agreements, citizens of the FAS may enter the United States as nonimmigrants, and, without obtaining a visa, they may remain in and work in the country indefinitely.¹

Under the "REAL ID Act of 2005"² and its accompanying regulation promulgated by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) at 6 CFR part 37,³ REAL ID compliant States are permitted to issue REAL ID compliant driver's licenses and identification cards to certain individuals with nonimmigrant status. However, under 6 CFR 37.21(b)(1), if the individual has no end date to their authorized stay in the country, then the license or ID that is issued may be valid for a maximum of one year. Under this law, as originally enacted, because citizens of the FAS may remain in the country indefinitely these individuals could be issued REAL ID driver's licenses and ID cards lasting only one year.⁴

Subsequently, however, Congress enacted a modifying statute entitled the "REAL ID Act Modification for Freely

¹ See H. Rept. 115-945.

² Public Law 109-13, Div. B., 119 Stat. 302, May 11, 2005.

³ See 73 FR 5272 (January 29, 2008).

⁴ See 84 FR 46423 (September 4, 2019).