

exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315.

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 22 applicants has satisfied the entry conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirements (75 FR 65057; 75 FR 72863; 75 FR 77492; 75 FR 79081; 76 FR 2190; 76-5425). Each of these 22 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.

Request for Comments

FMCSA will review comments received at any time concerning a particular driver's safety record and determine if the continuation of the exemption is consistent with the requirements at 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315. However, FMCSA requests that interested parties with specific data concerning the safety records of these drivers submit comments by February 4, 2013.

FMCSA believes that the requirements for a renewal of an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315 can be satisfied by initially granting the renewal and then requesting and evaluating, if needed, subsequent comments submitted by interested parties. As indicated above, the Agency previously published notices of final disposition announcing its decision to exempt these 22 individuals from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). The final decision to grant an exemption to each of these individuals was made on the merits of each case and made only after careful consideration of the comments received to its notices of applications.

The notices of applications stated in detail the qualifications, experience, and medical condition of each applicant for an exemption from the vision requirements. That information is available by consulting the above cited **Federal Register** publications.

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, FMCSA will take immediate steps to revoke the exemption of a driver.

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Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2012-0178]

National Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (NEMSAC); Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Meeting notice—National Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council.

SUMMARY: The NHTSA announces a meeting of NEMSAC to be held in the Metropolitan Washington, DC, area. This notice announces the date, time, and location of the meeting, which will be open to the public. The purpose of NEMSAC, a nationally recognized council of emergency medical services representatives and consumers, is to provide advice and recommendations regarding Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to DOT's NHTSA and to the Federal Interagency Committee on EMS (FICEMS).

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 29, 2013, from 8 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. EST, and on January 30, 2013, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. EST. A public comment period will take place on January 29, 2013 between 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. EST and January 30, 2013 between 11:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. EST.

Written comments must be received by January 24, 2013.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Delaware Room of the Marriott Wardman Park at 2660 Woodley Road NW., Washington, DC 20008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Drew Dawson, Director, U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Emergency Medical Services, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., NTI-140, Washington, DC 20590, telephone number 202-366-9966; email *Drew.Dawson@dot.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.). The NEMSAC will meet on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 29-30, 2013, in the Delaware Room of the Marriott Wardman Park at 2660 Woodley Road NW., Washington, DC 20008.

Tentative Agenda of National EMS Advisory Council Meeting, January 29-30, 2013

The tentative agenda includes the following:

Tuesday, January 29, 2013 (8 a.m. to 3 p.m. EST)

- (1) Opening Remarks
- (2) Update on Programs from the NHTSA Office of EMS and FICEMS Agencies
- (3) Discussion of the EMS Culture of Safety Strategy Draft Document
- (4) Presentation, Discussion and Possible Adoption of Reports and Recommendations from NEMSAC Workgroups
 - a. Advisory on Leadership Developmental Planning in EMS
 - b. Advisory on NEMSIS: Achieving its Full Potential for Advancing Healthcare
 - c. Advisory on Fatigue in EMS
 - d. Compiling Evidence to Discuss the EMS Education Agenda for the Future
 - e. Improving Internal NEMSAC Processes
- (5) Public Comment Period (2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EST)
- (6) Discussion of NEMSAC Priorities, Strategies and Values
- (7) Business of the Council

Wednesday, January 30, 2013 (8 a.m. to 12 p.m. EST)

- (1) Unfinished Business/Continued Discussion from Previous Day
- (2) Public Comment Period (11:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. EST)
- (3) Next Steps and Adjourn

On Tuesday, January 29, 2013, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., the NEMSAC work

groups will meet in breakout sessions. These sessions are open for public viewing, but not public participation.

Registration Information: This meeting will be open to the public; however, pre-registration is requested. Individuals wishing to attend must register online at <http://events.SignUp4.com/NEMSACjan2013> no later than January 24, 2013. There will not be a teleconference option for this meeting.

Public Comment: Members of the public are encouraged to comment directly to the NEMSAC. Those who wish to make comments on Tuesday, January 29, 2013, between 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. EST or Wednesday, January 30, 2013 between 11:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. EST are requested to register in advance. In order to allow as many people as possible to speak, speakers are requested to limit their remarks to 5 minutes. Written comments from members of the public will be distributed to NEMSAC members at the meeting and should reach the NHTSA Office of EMS by January 25, 2013. Written comments may be submitted by either one of the following methods: (1) You may submit comments by email: nemsac@dot.gov or (2) you may submit comments by fax: (202) 366-7149.

A final agenda as well as meeting materials will be available to the public online through www.EMS.gov prior to January 29, 2013.

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Michael L. Brown,

Acting Associate Administrator for Research and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35710]

Heart of Texas Railroad, L.P.— Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Gulf Colorado & San Saba Railway Company

Heart of Texas Railroad, L.P. (the Company), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from Gulf Colorado & San Saba Railway Company (the Seller), and to operate, approximately 67.5 miles of rail line between milepost 0.0 at Lometa, and milepost 67.5 at Brady, in Lampasas, Mills, San Saba and McCullough Counties, Tex. (the Line).¹

The Company states that the agreement between the Company and the Seller does not involve any provision or agreement that would limit future interchange with a third-party connecting carrier.

The transaction is expected to be consummated on or about January 28, 2013. The earliest this transaction can be consummated is January 20, 2013, the effective date of the exemption.

The Company certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not exceed those

¹ According to the Company, on July 3, 2012, the Seller filed a voluntary Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition, and, on July 31, 2012, Ronald Hornberger was appointed the Chapter 11 Trustee of the Seller's bankruptcy estate. The Company states that, pursuant to a purchase agreement dated December 17, 2012, it has agreed to acquire Seller's interest in this line of railroad.

that would qualify it a Class III rail carrier and will not exceed \$5 million.

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 to stay must be filed no later than January 14, 2012 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35710, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Rose-Michele Nardi, Transport Counsel PC, 1701 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20006.

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By the Board.

Decided: January 2, 2013.

Rachel D. Campbell,

Director, Office of Proceedings.

Jeffrey Herzig,

Clearance Clerk.

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