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Gentlemen:

Section 8 of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Uniform Safety Act of 1990 prohibits a motor carrier from transporting by motor vehicle in commerce (interstate and intrastate) certain hazardous materials unless the motor carrier holds a "safety permit" and maintains a copy of the permit in each motor vehicle used to provide such transportation.

The Tennessee Valley Authority uses Class B explosives in quantities at **jobsites** that do not readily lend themselves to routing requirements (especially from staging areas to worksites for a long transmission line consisting of many structures). The transport vehicles might or might not fit Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) motor carrier Department of Transportation identification number criteria and thus might not fit in the FHWA Motor Carrier Census File (i.e., crew cab 3/4-ton pickup). Thus, a provision for exemption appears desirable and TVA would request such an exemption for limited quantity dispersed transport as opposed to distribution transport from receiving warehouses to staging areas or work sites, or manufacturer or distributor to receiving warehouses.

Sincerely,

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