

1969; and the Coast Guard's NEPA Implementing Procedures, to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the proposed installation of incinerators on certain classes of Coast Guard cutters. The EA concluded in its finding of no significant impact (FONSI), that mean the concentrations of pollutants generated by the proposed installation of incinerators on board certain classes of Coast Guard cutters are low enough that the physical, biological, and atmospheric effects on the marine environment are insignificant for all areas of operation. Consequently, an Environmental Impact Statement was not required.

As required by NEPA, the EA and FONSI were made available to concerned government agencies and a 'notice of availability' appeared in the Federal Register of 26 November 1996 [61 FR 60137] to invite peoples' comment. No adverse comments were received by the end of the 30-days comment period.

The EA and FONSI are now final. Concerned agencies and the public may request copies of the EA and FONSI from the address above under ADDRESSES, and by contacting Mr. Hari Bindal, at (410) 762-6732.

Dated: February 26, 1997.

Debabrata Ghosh,

Acting Chief, Equipment Management Div. (ELC-02).

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Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-97-16]

Petitions for Exemption; Summary of Petitions Received; Dispositions of Petitions Issued

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of petitions for exemption received and of dispositions of prior petitions.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for exemption (14 CFR Part 11), this notice contains a summary of certain petitions seeking relief from specified requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Chapter I), dispositions of certain petitions previously received, and corrections. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or

omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of any petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on petitions received must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before March 18, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on any petition in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Office of the Chief Counsel, Attn: Rule Docket (AGC-200), Petition Docket No. _____, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20591.

Comments may also be sent electronically to the following internet address: 9-NPRM-CMTS@faa.dot.gov.

The petition, any comments received, and a copy of any final disposition are filed in the assigned regulatory docket and are available for examination in the Rules Docket (AGC-200), Room 915G, FAA Headquarters Building (FOB 10A), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20591; telephone (202) 267-3132.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred Haynes (202) 267-3939 or Angela Anderson (202) 267-9681 Office of Rulemaking (ARM-1), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

This notice is published pursuant to paragraphs (c), (e), and (g) of § 11.27 of Part 11 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 11).

Issued in Washington, D.C., on March 13, 1997.

Mardi R. Thompson,

Acting Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations.

Petitions for Exemption

Docket No.: 28849.

Petitioner: Era Aviation, Inc.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 119.5(g), 121.107, and 121.591.

Description of Relief Sought: To permit the petitioner to conduct VFR operations from its Bethel base, and all VFR sightseeing/air tour operations, with ceiling and visibility requirements that will be no more restrictive than those specified in §§ 91.155 and 135.205. Additionally, the petitioner requests that it be allowed to conduct all scheduled and charter operations from its Bethel base to utilize part 135 flight following procedures currently in use in lieu of the dispatch requirements contained in §§ 121.107 and 121.591.

Docket No.: 28850.

Petitioner: Era Aviation, Inc.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 121.356(b).

Description of Relief Sought: To allow the petitioner to operate its DC-3 aircraft under requirements specified in

§ 135.180 as it concerns Traffic Collision Avoidance System (TCAS).

Docket No.: 28854.

Petitioner: Seaborne Seaplane Adventures.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 121.395.

Description of Relief Sought: To allow the petitioner relief from the phrase "* * * shall provide enough qualified aircraft dispatchers * * *" contained in § 121.395 and a 30 day extension to complete all of the requirements for transition to Part 121 operations.

Docket No.: 28856.

Petitioner: Frontier Flying Service, Inc.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 121.

Description of Relief Sought: To permit the petitioner an extension of the deadline for transition from part 135 operations to part 121 operations.

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RTCA, Inc.; Technical Management Committee

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for the RTCA Technical Management Committee meeting to be held April 2, 1997, starting at 9 a.m. The meeting will be held at RTCA, Inc., 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036.

The agenda will include: (1) Chairman's Remarks; (2) Review and Approval of Summary of the Previous Meeting; (3) Consider and Approve: a. Proposed Final Draft, Human Engineering Guidance for Data Link Systems; b. Proposed Final Draft, Minimum Operational Performance Standards for Aeronautical Telecommunication Network Avionics; c. Proposed Update to the Terms of Reference for Special Committee 189/ Working Group 53, Air Traffic Services Safety and Interoperability; d. Proposed Update to the Terms of Reference for Special Committee 182, Minimum Operational Performance Standard for Avionics Computer Resource; (4) Discuss/Take Position on: a. Report on Activities of Special Committee 169 (Requirement for Change 1 to DO-219; Terms of Reference Review to Determine if Special Committee 169 Has Work Remaining; Identify a Permanent Chairman for Special Committee 169 If There Is Work Remaining); b. Report on Aviation Community Desire for a Mode S-based Traffic Information Service Data Link; c. Report on Proposed Change to DO-204, Minimal Operational

Performance Standards for 406 MHz ELT's; d. Report on Inclusion of HIRF "Pass-Fail" Criteria in DO-160D, Environmental Conditions and Test Procedures for Airborne Equipment; e. Proposed Letter to the FAA on NAS Architectural Issues Pertaining to Communication, Navigation, and Surveillance; f. Technical Management Committee Systems Management Working Group Report; (5) Other Business (RTCA Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Luncheon); (6) Date and Place of Next Meeting.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 833-9339 (phone); (202) 833-9434 (fax); or <http://www.rtca.org> (web site). Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 12, 1997.

Janice L. Peters,

Designated Official.

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Intent To Rule on Application To Impose a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Pellston Regional Airport of Emmet County, Pellston, MI

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to rule on application.

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose a PFC at Pellston Regional Airport of Emmet County, Pellston, Michigan, under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L. 101-508) and part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 17, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Federal Aviation Administration, Detroit Airports District Office, Willow Run Airport, East, 8820 Beck Road Belleville, Michigan 48111.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must

be mailed or delivered to Mr. Raymond Thompson, Airport Manager, of the County of Emmet, at the following address: Pellston Regional Airport of Emmet County, U.S. 31 North, Pellston, Michigan 49769.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the County of Emmet under § 158.23 of part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jon B. Gilbert, Program Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Detroit Airports District Office, Willow Run Airport, East, 8820 Beck Road, Belleville, Michigan 48111 (313-487-7281). The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose a PFC at Pellston Regional Airport of Emmet County under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L. 101-508) and part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158).

On February 27, 1997, the FAA determined that the application to impose a PFC submitted by the County of Emmet was substantially complete within the requirements of § 158.25 of part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than June 10, 1997.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

PFC Application No.: 97-05-I-00-PLN.

Level of the proposed PFC: \$3.00.

Proposed charge effective date: January 1, 1998.

Proposed charge expiration date: April 1, 1998.

Total estimated PFC revenue: \$17,500.00.

Brief description of proposed project: Replace Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Vehicle.

Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFC's: FAR Part 135 operators who file FAA Form 1800-31.

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA Office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice, and other documents germane to the application in person at the County of Emmet.

Issued in Des Plaines, IL, on March 11, 1997.

Benito De Leon,

Manager, Planning/Programming Branch, Airports Division, Great Lakes Region.

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Federal Highway Administration

Advanced Rural Transportation Systems Strategic Plan; Request for Information

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice; request for information.

SUMMARY: The Federal Highway Administration is seeking comments from all sources (public, private, governmental, academia, professional groups, public interest groups, etc.) on the Strategic Plan for Advanced Rural Transportation Systems (ARTS) portion of the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Program. The ARTS Strategic Plan defines the vision, mission and goals from the Federal perspective for achieving the benefits of the ITS program in rural areas. This is not a request for proposals or an invitation for bids.

DATES: Your comments on this announcement should be submitted no later than April 17, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Your comment on these important issues are greatly appreciated, but responses will not be acknowledged. Responses should be mailed to FHWA, Intelligent Transportation Systems Joint Program Office, HVH-1, Rm 3400, Washington, DC 20590. However, E-mail responses are encouraged, and should be addressed to raymond.resendes@fhwa.dot.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ray Resendes, ITS Joint Program Office, (202)366-2182, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: ITS uses advanced communications, computer and surveillance technologies to address surface transportation problems. When effectively deployed, ITS services can provide safer and more secure travel, improve traffic flow in congested areas, reduce the harmful environmental impacts of traffic congestion, and help travelers and businesses achieve improved levels of productivity. The national ITS program is being advanced as a partnership between the private sector, academia and all levels of State