

in the Rules Docket for examination by interested persons. A report that summarizes each FAA-public contact concerned with the substance of this AD will be filed in the Rules Docket.

Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments submitted in response to this rule must submit a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket No. 95-SW-13-AD." The postcard will be date stamped and returned to the commenter.

The regulations adopted herein will not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Therefore, in accordance with Executive Order 12612, it is determined that this final rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

The FAA has determined that this regulation is an emergency regulation that must be issued immediately to correct an unsafe condition in aircraft, and that it is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866. It has been determined further that this action involves an emergency regulation under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979). If it is determined that this emergency regulation otherwise would be significant under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures, a final regulatory evaluation will be prepared and placed in the Rules Docket. A copy of it, if filed, may be obtained from the Rules Docket at the location provided under the caption **ADDRESSES**.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

Adoption of the Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration amends part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) as follows:

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. App. 1354(a), 1421 and 1423; 49 U.S.C. 106(g); and 14 CFR section 11.89.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

2. Section 39.13 is amended by adding a new airworthiness directive to read as follows:

95-12-02 Hiller Aircraft Corporation:

Amendment 39-9252. Docket No. 95-SW-13-AD.

Applicability: Model UH-12A, UH-12B, UH-12C, UH-12D, and UH-12E helicopters, certificated in any category.

Note 1: This AD applies to each helicopter identified in the preceding applicability provision, regardless of whether it has been modified, altered, or repaired in the area subject to the requirements of this AD. For helicopters that have been modified, altered, or repaired so that the performance of the requirements of this AD is affected, the owner/operator must use the authority provided in paragraph (e) to request approval from the FAA. This approval may address either no action, if the current configuration eliminates the unsafe condition, or different actions necessary to address the unsafe condition described in this AD. Such a request should include an assessment of the effect of the changed configuration on the unsafe condition addressed by this AD. In no case does the presence of any modification, alteration, or repair remove any helicopter from the applicability of this AD.

Compliance: Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously.

To prevent cracks in the head area of the main rotor outboard tension-torsion (T-T) bar pin, which could result in loss of in-plane stability of the main rotor blade and subsequent loss of control of the helicopter, accomplish the following:

(a) Within 25 hours time-in-service (TIS) after the effective date of this AD, or at the next 100 hours TIS inspection, whichever occurs first, and thereafter at intervals not to exceed 100 hours TIS, inspect the alignment of the outboard T-T bar pin, part number (P/N) 51452, and adjust the alignment, if necessary, in accordance with Hiller Aviation Service Letter (SL) 51-2, dated March 31, 1978.

(b) Inspect the head of the outboard T-T bar pin for cracks using a dye-penetrant inspection method.

(c) Report the results of the dye-penetrant inspections required by paragraph (b) of this AD within 7 days following each inspection to the Manager, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office, Attention: Charles Matheis, ANM-120L, 3960 Paramount Blvd., Lakewood, California 90712-4137. Include the helicopter model number, serial number, and total TIS of the outboard T-T bar pin in the report. Reporting requirements have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget and assigned OMB control number 2120-0056.

(d) Within 25 hours TIS after the effective date of this AD, or at the next 100 hours TIS inspection, whichever occurs first, install shims between the inboard end of the drag strut and the outboard T-T bar pin in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Hiller Aviation Service Bulletin No. 51-9, dated April 8, 1983.

(e) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that

provides an acceptable level of safety may be used when approved by the Manager, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office, FAA. Operators shall submit their requests through an FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may concur or comment and then send it to the Manager, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office.

Note 2: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office.

(f) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with sections 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR sections 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the helicopter to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

(g) The inspections, modifications, and adjustments, if necessary, shall be done in accordance with Hiller Aviation Service Bulletin No. 51-9, dated April 8, 1983, and Hiller Aviation Service Letter 51-2, dated March 31, 1978. This incorporation by reference was approved by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. Copies may be obtained from Hiller Aircraft Corporation, 7980 Enterprise Drive, Newark, California 94560-3497. Copies may be inspected at the FAA, Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Room 663, Fort Worth, Texas; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

(h) This amendment becomes effective on June 23, 1995.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, on May 25, 1995.

Eric Bries,

Acting Manager, Rotorcraft Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

18 CFR Part 284

[Docket No. RM95-5-001; Order No. 577-A]

Release of Firm Capacity on Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines

Issued May 31, 1995.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Energy.

ACTION: Final rule; order granting rehearing.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is amending its capacity release regulations, which permit shippers to release capacity without having to comply with the Commission's advance posting and

bidding requirements. The current regulation permits such releases for a full calendar month. The Commission is revising the regulation to permit exempt releases for up to 31 days in order to accommodate releases crossing calendar months.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The final rule becomes effective July 10, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Goldenberg, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-2294.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission also provides all interested persons an opportunity to inspect or copy the contents of this document during normal business hours in Room 3104, 941 North Capitol Street NE., Washington DC 20426.

The Commission Issuance Posting System (CIPS), an electronic bulletin board service, provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission. CIPS is available at no charge to the user and may be accessed using a personal computer with a modem by dialing (202) 208-1397. To access CIPS, set your communications software to use 19200, 14400, 12000, 9600, 7200, 4800, 2400, 1200, or 300 bps, full duplex, no parity, 8 data bits, and 1 stop bit. The full text of this document will be available on CIPS for 60 days from the date of issuance in ASCII and WordPerfect 5.1 format. After 60 days the document will be archived, but still accessible. The complete text on diskette in WordPerfect format may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, La Dorn Systems Corporation, also located in Room 3104, 941 North Capitol Street, NE., Washington DC 20426.

Before Commissioners: Elizabeth Anne Moler, Chair; Vicky A. Bailey, James J. Hoecker, William L. Massey, and Donald F. Santa, Jr.

Order Granting Rehearing

On May 1, 1995, Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership (Great Lakes) filed a request for rehearing and clarification of Order No. 577, issued March 29, 1995.¹ For the reasons discussed below, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will grant rehearing and revise § 284.243(h) of its regulations.

¹ Release of Firm Capacity on Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines, Order No. 577, 60 FR 16979 (Apr. 4, 1995), III FERC Stats. & Regs. Preambles ¶ 31,017 (Mar. 29, 1995).

Background

In Order No. 577, the Commission revised § 284.243(h) of its capacity release regulations to promote a more effective and efficient capacity release mechanism as well as reduce administrative burdens. The prior regulations permitted shippers to release their firm capacity for less than one calendar month without having to comply with the Commission's requirements to post release offers for bidding. In Order No. 577, the Commission extended the advance posting and bidding exception to one full calendar month to comport with the industry's practice of making gas and capacity decisions on a calendar month basis and to reduce administrative burdens resulting from the use of so-called "29/1" day deals to effectuate full month releases.

Great Lakes seeks rehearing or clarification as to whether the Commission intended to exempt short term capacity release transactions spanning two calendar months from the bidding requirements. Great Lakes states that, in its restructuring proceeding under Order No. 636, the Commission required Great Lakes to permit an exception from its bidding requirements for short-term capacity releases of less than 30 days that extended over parts of two months.² Great Lakes argues that in the March 29, 1995 order in this rulemaking docket, the Commission seemed to adopt a different approach to short-term releases spanning two calendar months.

Great Lakes points to the Commission's rejection of a request by a commenter that the regulation refer to releases of 31 days, rather than to a calendar month, in order to permit releases of 31 days spanning two calendar months (i.e., January 15 to February 15). The Commission found that limiting the exception to a calendar month synchronized the short-term exception with the industry's practice of purchasing gas and capacity on a monthly basis. The Commission further concluded that substitution of the phrase "31 days" was not needed to effectuate mid-month releases. Great Lakes points out that this procedure is not only inconsistent with its tariff, but is burdensome because it entails two postings and two separate contracts.

Discussion

The Commission's restructuring orders were inconsistent in interpreting whether releases crossing calendar

months were permissible.³ To ensure that this rule does not limit flexibility shippers already possess, the Commission will revise the language of the regulation to substitute "31 days" for "calendar month." This will permit parties to execute releases of up to 31 days without complying with the Commission's advance posting and bidding requirements. This revision will increase shipper flexibility and also reduce administrative burdens by eliminating the need for one bid, two postings, and two contracts in order to consummate short-term releases across calendar months.

Effective Date

The final rule will take effect July 10, 1995.

List of Subjects in 18 CFR Part 284

Continental shelf, Natural gas, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

By the Commission.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

In consideration of the foregoing, the Commission amends Part 284, Chapter I, Title 18, Code of Federal Regulations, as set forth below.

PART 284—CERTAIN SALES AND TRANSPORTATION OF NATURAL GAS UNDER THE NATURAL GAS POLICY ACT OF 1978 AND RELATED AUTHORITIES

1. The authority citation for Part 284 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 717-717w, 3301-3432; 42 U.S.C 7101-7532; 43 U.S.C 1331-1356.

2. In § 284.243, paragraph (h)(1) is revised to read as follows:

§ 284.243 Release of firm capacity on interstate pipelines.

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(h)(1) A release of capacity by a firm shipper to a replacement shipper for any period of 31 days or less, or for any term at the maximum tariff rate applicable to the release, need not comply with the notification and bidding requirements of paragraphs (c) through (e) of this section. A release under this paragraph may not exceed the maximum rate. Notice of a firm release under this paragraph must be provided on the

³ Compare Northwest Pipeline Corporation, 63 FERC ¶ 61,124 at 61,803 (1993); Kern River Gas Transmission Company, 62 FERC ¶ 61,191 at 62,270 (1993) (no cross month releases) with Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership, 64 FERC ¶ 61,017 at 61,171 (1993); Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation, 64 FERC ¶ 61,060 at 61,530 (1993) (permitting cross month releases).

² Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership, 64 FERC ¶ 61,017 at 61,171 (1993).

pipeline's electronic bulletin board as soon as possible, but not later than forty-eight hours, after the release transaction commences.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Bureau of Consular Affairs

22 CFR Part 41

[Public Notice 2220]

Visas: Documentation of Nonimmigrants Under the Immigration and Nationality Act, as Amended; Waiver of Passport and Visa Requirements

AGENCY: Bureau of Consular Affairs, State.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule amends Department of State regulations to authorize a waiver of the passport and visa requirements of INA 212(a)(7)(B)(i) for members of the armed forces of certain additional foreign countries. Such a waiver would be granted under INA 212(d)(4) by the Attorney General and the Secretary of State acting jointly. This rule amends the regulations by removing Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Estonia, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics from the list of countries to whom the waiver cannot apply.

DATES: Effective June 8, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen K. Fischel, Chief, Legislation and Regulations Division, Visa Office, (202) 663-1204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of State, after consultation with the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Department of Defense, has determined that it is no longer in the national interest to prohibit aliens on active duty in the armed forces of Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russia, the Slovak Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan from benefiting from a waiver of the passport and visa requirement of INA 212(a)(7)(B)(i) in specific circumstances. In fact, the Department of Defense has been working with certain non-NATO nations to enter into bilateral, Status of Forces

agreements similar to those in effect with NATO nations. The Department of State is, therefore, publishing amendments to the regulations at 22 CFR 41.3.

The implementation of this rule as a final rule is based upon the "good cause" exceptions established by 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) and 553(d)(3). This rule grants or recognizes an exemption or relieves a restriction under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(1) and is considered beneficial to the United States Government.

This rule is not expected to have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. This rule imposes no reporting or recordkeeping action from the public requiring the approval of the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act requirements. This rule has been reviewed as required by E.O. 12778 and certified to be in compliance therewith. This rule is exempted from E.O. 12866 but has been reviewed to ensure consistency therewith.

List of Subjects in 22 CFR Part 41

Aliens, Armed Forces, Nonimmigrants, Visas, Passports, Waivers.

In view of the foregoing 22 CFR part 41 is amended as follows:

PART 41—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 41 continues to read:

Authority: 8 U.S.C. 1104, 1182.

2. Section 41.3 is amended by revising paragraph (e) to read as follows:

§ 41.3 Waiver by joint action of consular and immigration officers of passport and/or visa requirements.

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(e) *Members of armed forces of foreign countries; visa and passport waiver.* An alien on active duty in the armed forces of a foreign country and a member of a group of such armed forces traveling to the United States, on behalf of the alien's government or the United Nations, under advance arrangements made with the appropriate military authorities of the United States. The waiver does not apply to a citizen or resident of Cuba, Mongolian People's Republic, North Korea (Democratic People's Republic of Korea), Vietnam (Socialist Republic of Vietnam), or the People's Republic of China.

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Dated: June 2, 1995.

Mary A. Ryan,

Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

32 CFR Part 254

Teacher and Teacher's Aide Placement Assistance Program (Troops to Teachers)

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary of Defense, DoD.

ACTION: Interim final rule: amendment.

SUMMARY: This interim rule amendment implements "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1995," by extending eligibility in the Department of Defense Teacher and Teacher's Aide Placement Assistance program to Service members that were separated or released from active duty during the 9 year period beginning October 1, 1990. Service members that were separated or released before the Department of Defense established the program on January 19, 1994, but on or after October 1, 1990, have until October 5, 1995, to apply. The effect of this change is to give Service members until October 5, 1995, to apply for the program if their date of discharge or release from active duty falls on or after October 1, 1990, but before January 19, 1994.

This interim rule amendment also provides that civilian employees of the Department of Defense and Department of Energy must apply within 1 year following termination of their employment.

DATES: This document is effective November 25, 1994. Forward comments no later than August 7, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Forward comments to Department of Defense, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management Policy) (PSF&E) (DoDEA), The Pentagon, room 3E784, Washington, DC 20301-4000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Otto Thomas (703) 696-4384.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Executive Order 12866, "Regulatory Planning and Review." It has been certified that this amendment to the interim final rule, in conformance with Executive Order 12866, does not:

(1) Have an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more or adversely affect in a material way the