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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

10 CFR Part 431

[Docket No. EE-RM-96-400]

Energy Efficiency Program for Certain Commercial and Industrial Equipment: Test Procedures, Labeling, and Certification Requirements for Electric Motors

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Extension of public comment period on proposed motor efficiency regulations.

SUMMARY: On November 27, 1996 (61 FR 60440), the Department of Energy (DOE or Department) proposed regulations to implement the standards and test procedures for commercial and industrial electric motors established in the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended (the Act or EPCA). In the same notice of proposed rulemaking, the Department also proposed to establish efficiency labeling requirements and compliance certification requirements for motors, as directed by the Act.

On January 15, 1997, DOE held a public hearing to receive oral comments on the proposed rule. The transcript from this hearing has been added to the docket for this rulemaking, and is now available for review in the Department of Energy, Freedom of Information Reading Room.

To ensure that the public has ample opportunity to fully review and comment on the proposed rulemaking and the information that was presented during the public hearing, today's notice extends the public comment period from February 17 through March 10, 1997.

DATES: The Department will accept written statements, comments, data, and information regarding the proposed rule for electric motors no later than March 10, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and written statements (10 copies) should be labeled "Electric Motor Rulemaking" (Docket No. EE-RM-96-400), and submitted to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Codes and Standards, EE-43, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 1J-018, Washington, DC 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 586-7574.

DOCKET: Supporting information used in developing the proposed rule, a copy of the transcript of the public hearing, and other information received that is pertinent to the rule, are contained in Docket No. EE-RM-96-400. This Docket is available for inspection and copying at the Freedom of Information Reading Room, U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 1E-190, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0101, telephone (202) 586-6020, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Raba, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Mail Station EE-43, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121, (202) 586-8654.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 96-NM-168-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Jetstream Model 4101 Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This document proposes the adoption of a new airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to certain Jetstream Model 4101 airplanes.

This proposal would require repetitive detailed visual inspections to detect cracks on frame 179 at the attachment bracket for the door restraint cable, and various follow-on actions. This proposal also would require installation of new doublers and stress pads on frame 179, which would terminate the repetitive inspections. This proposal is prompted by reports of cracks in frame 179 of the fuselage at the attachment bracket for the door restraint cable on in-service airplanes due to improper rigging of the door restraint system. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to prevent such cracking, which could result in structural failure of the fuselage and consequent rapid decompression of the pressurized section of the fuselage.

DATES: Comments must be received by March 27, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-103, Attention: Rules Docket No. 96-NM-168-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056. Comments may be inspected at this location between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

The service information referenced in the proposed rule may be obtained from Jetstream Aircraft, Inc., P.O. Box 16029, Dulles International Airport, Washington, DC 20041-6029. This information may be examined at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Schroeder, Aerospace Engineer, Standardization Branch, ANM-113, FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056; telephone (206) 227-2148; fax (206) 227-1149.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to participate in the making of the proposed rule by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Communications shall identify the Rules Docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address specified above. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments, specified above, will be