

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Office of the Secretary****Notice of Request for Comments on GPS-Modernization**

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary (OST), DOT.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy is seeking comments on the planning for the future of the Global Positioning System (GPS). **DATES:** The input must be received by close of business (COB) Thursday, May 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The submissions should be made to the attention of Hank Skalski: (mail) US DOT—HQ AFSPC/DRFN, 150 Vandenberg St., Suite 1105, Peterson AFB, CO, 80914-4590; (e-mail) hskalski@spacecom.af.mil; or (fax) (719) 554-9604. Information and comments may be made via the World Wide Web at: <http://www.navcen.uscg.mil>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Hank Skalski: (mail) US DOT—HQ AFSPC/DRFN, 150 Vandenberg St., Suite 1105, Peterson AFB, CO, 80914-4590; (e-mail) hskalski@spacecom.af.mil; telephone (719) 554-2570, and facsimile (719) 554-9604.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Global Positioning System (GPS) is a dual use (military and civil) space-based radionavigation system, providing navigation, positioning, and timing services. The US Air Force has begun an effort to develop a Future Worldwide Positioning, Navigation, and Timing System Capstone Requirements Document (CRD) to address the near, mid, and far term modernization of the GPS. The CRD is an over-arching document that will identify "performance-based, operational requirements" that address military and civil navigation, positioning, and timing needs for GPS or future space-based navigation systems. The Air Force requested DOT to coordinate the civil sector CRD input. The requirements in the CRD will be reviewed and ranked to develop an Acquisition Master Plan.

This request for information seeks data related to the formulation of the civil performance-based, operational requirements which will be used to derive future GPS technical, operational, and management characteristics. Input should consider a system of systems approach and address all segments of the basic GPS, as well as related applications/systems. Submission of data is requested no later than May 15, 1997, and should be made to the attention of Hank Skalski: (mail)

US DOT—HQ AFSPC/DRFN, 150 Vandenberg St., Suite 1105, Peterson AFB, CO, 80914-4590; (e-mail) hskalski@spacecom.af.mil; (fax) 719-554-9604; or via the World Wide Web at: <http://www.navcen.uscg.mil>. All inputs should include contact information.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration**

[Summary Notice No. PE-97-22]

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 May 8, 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-CMNTS@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).

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Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations.

Dispositions of Petitions

Docket No.: 26297

Petitioner: Fairchild Aircraft Incorporated

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 91.531(a)(3)

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit petitioner's type-rated company pilots to continue to conduct production and experimental test flights in SA227-CC and SA227DC airplanes without a pilot designated as second in command. It also permits all operators of Fairchild commuter category airplanes (SA227-CC, SA227-DC, and other airplanes on the same type certificate) to conduct flight operations without a designated second in command, provided the airplane is type certificated for single-pilot operations and is carrying nine or fewer passengers. No person may provide training nor may any person receive training while passengers are on board the aircraft during operations conducted under the privileges of this exemption. Grant, March 27, 1997, Exemption No. 5367D

Docket No.: 27609

Petitioner: M. Shannon & Associates

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 91.9(a), 91.531(a)(1)&(2)

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit petitioner and the operators of Cessna Citation 500, 550, and S550 airplanes to operate those airplanes without a pilot designated as second in command. No person may provide training nor may any person receive training while passengers are on board the aircraft during operations conducted under the privileges of this exemption. Grant, May 27, 1997, Exemption No. 6480A

Docket No.: 28720