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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

7 CFR Part 1721

Post-Loan Policies and Procedures for Insured Electric Loans

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: As a part of its ongoing program of streamlining regulations, the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is proposing to amend its regulation on the advance of funds to reflect an increase in the threshold limit from \$25,000 to \$100,000, for which plant investments may be made in the borrowers' systems and be eligible for insured loan fund financing without being included in an RUS approved construction work plan (CWP). In addition, RUS is proposing to no longer limit borrowers to 130 percent of the project cost estimate for projects in the CWP or amendment and approved loan, as amended, for which prior RUS approval must be obtained. These changes would have the effect of reducing the number of actions by borrowers that would otherwise be required and would reduce administrative costs to borrowers and to the agency.

In the final rule section of this **Federal Register**, RUS is publishing this action as a direct final rule without prior proposal because RUS views this as a noncontroversial action and anticipates no adverse comments. If no adverse comments are received in response to the direct final rule, no further action will be taken on this proposed rule and the action will become effective at the time specified in the direct final rule. If RUS receives adverse comments, a document will be published withdrawing the direct final rule and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments on this proposed action must be received on or before January 27, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-1522. RUS requires a signed original and three copies of all comments (7 CFR 1700.4). Comments will be available for public inspection during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(b)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles M. Philpott, Chief, Engineering Branch, Northern Regional Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service, Room 4034 South Bldg., 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 720-1432. E-mail: cphilpot@rus.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the Supplementary Information provided in the direct final rule located in the final rule section of this **Federal Register** for the applicable supplementary information on this section.

Dated: December 21, 1999.

Jill Long Thompson,

Under Secretary, Rural Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 99-NM-79-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-200 and -300 Series Airplanes Equipped With General Electric CF6-80C2 Series Engines

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This document proposes the superseding of an existing airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to certain Boeing Model 747-200 and -300 series airplanes, that currently requires various inspections and functional tests

to detect discrepancies of the thrust reverser control and indication system, and correction of any discrepancy found. This action would require installation of a terminating modification, and would add repetitive functional tests of that installation, and repair, if necessary. This proposal is prompted by the results of a safety review of the thrust reverser systems on Model 747 series airplanes. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to ensure the integrity of the fail safe features of the thrust reverser system by preventing possible failure modes in the thrust reverser control system that can result in inadvertent deployment of a thrust reverser during flight.

DATES: Comments must be received by February 11, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 99-NM-79-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 Boeing Commercial Airplane Group, P.O. Box 3707, Seattle, Washington 98124-2207. This information may be examined at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dorr Anderson, Aerospace Engineer, Propulsion Branch, ANM-140S, FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056; telephone (425) 227-2684; fax (425) 227-1181.

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 considered before taking action on the