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In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the Mahlon Sweet Field.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

TSO-C77b, Gas Turbine Auxiliary Power Units

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability of technical standard order.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of Technical Standard Order (TSO) C77b. This TSO prescribes the minimum performance standards that gas turbine auxiliary power units (APUs), commonly used in commercial aircraft, must meet in order to be identified with the TSO marking.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 22, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mark A. Rumizen, Engine and Propeller Standards Staff, ANE-110, Engine and Propeller Directorate, Federal Aviation Administration, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299, telephone (781) 238-7113, fax (781) 238-7199.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The standards of this TSO will apply to all APUs used for any new application submitted after the effective date of this TSO. APUs currently approved under TSO-C77 or TSO-C77a authorization may continue to be manufactured under the provisions of their original approval. However, under § 21.611(b) of the Federal Aviation Regulations, any major design change to an APU previously approved under TSO-C77 or TSO-C77a would require a new authorization under this TSO. The general layout of this document complies with the updated TSO format.

How To Obtain Copies

A copy of the TSO-C77b may be obtained via Internet (<http://www.faa.gov/avr/air/air100/100home.htm>) or by request from the office listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Guidance on Longitudinal Telecommunications Installations on Limited Access Highway Right-of-Way

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document publishes guidance on the installation of telecommunications on limited access highway right-of-way. This guidance was distributed to the FHWA Resource Centers and Division offices on December 22, 2000. These materials are the result of consultations with the Federal Communications Commission with regard to the potential impact of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 on such installations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. William S. Jones, Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Joint Program Office, (202) 366-4651 or Ms. Beverly Russell, Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366-1355; Federal Highway Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC. 20590-0001. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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Background

Guidance published in this **Federal Register** notice is provided for information purposes. Specific

questions on any of the material published in this notice should be directed to the appropriate contact person named in the caption, **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued on: January 11, 2001.

Kenneth R. Wykle,

Federal Highway Administrator.

The text of the FHWA guidance memorandum dated December 22, 2000 follows:

Information: Guidance on Longitudinal Telecommunications Installations on Limited Access Highway Right-of-Way

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A number of States have altered their utility accommodations policies to allow longitudinal access to their limited access highway Right-of-Way (ROW) for telecommunications installations; usually fiber optic cable. Several of these installations to date have been public-private partnerships with the telecommunications industry generally referred to as "Shared Resource" agreements. In December 1999, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued an opinion in the Minnesota Department of Transportation (DOT) case involving such a partnership that defined the FCC's interpretation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (TCA) and its application to the Minnesota agreement, which has potentially broad implications for transportation agencies.

As a result of the FCC's opinion, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) engaged in a discussion with the FCC to clarify how these partnerships and other similar telecommunications installations should be conducted to avoid conflict with the TCA and be consistent with FHWA's requirements for highway safety and ROW management. These discussions have culminated in an approach that considers both the requirements of the transportation industry and its concern for highway safety, and the FCC's concern with the implementation of the TCA. This approach is documented in two letters. A letter from the FHWA Administrator to the FCC defines the elements of the guidance pertaining to access to freeway ROW, and a letter to the FHWA Administrator from the Chief of the Common Carrier Bureau of the FCC defines the competitive elements of the