

public, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C) that the FAA intends to prepare an EA for the proposed Omaha Airspace Redesign (OAR). While not required for an EA, the FAA is issuing this Notice of Intent to facilitate public involvement. This EA will assess the potential environmental impacts resulting from proposed modifications to air traffic routings in the metropolitan Omaha and surrounding areas. Airports in this area include Omaha, Eppley Airfield (OMA), Offutt Air Force Base, Lincoln Airport (LNK), as well as smaller, primarily general aviation use airports. All reasonable alternatives are being considered including a no action alternative.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donna O'Neill, Airspace Branch, ACE-520, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, 901 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106; telephone: (816) 329-2560.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA is exploring new routing structures that will improve the safety and efficiency of air traffic control (ATC) operations in the Omaha Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON) area. Preliminary operational concepts involve changes internal to the Omaha TRACON airspace structure, as well as changes to Omaha and Lincoln arrival and departure routes that would align with Minneapolis Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC) en route airspace routes. Establishment of standardized, predictable routing reduces pilot and controller workload, thereby increasing overall safety. This will be accomplished by providing predictable and efficient procedural separation for arriving and departing aircraft, reducing the need for controller intervention. In addition, this concept will also allow pilots to take advantage of improved aircraft navigational technologies.

Potential alternatives will encompass new routing proposals that would accommodate aircraft without Area Navigation (RNAV) capability, and without changes to ground based navigational facilities. The Omaha Airspace Redesign encompasses a geographic area of approximately 55 miles around the Omaha Eppley Airfield. The exact study area will be identified in the draft EA.

The FAA will examine methods that will take advantage of new and emerging ATC technologies, and improved performance characteristics of modern aircraft, as well as improvements in navigation capabilities. The proposal will address

the merits of alternative airspace design scenarios that safely and efficiently use regional airspace and procedures in and around the Omaha Eppley Airfield and terminal airspace controlled by the Omaha TRACON, as well as facility airspace associated with portions of the Lincoln Airport Traffic Control Tower and Minneapolis ARTCC airspace.

As part of the airspace redesign effort, the FAA will conduct detailed analyses, which will be used to evaluate the potential environmental impacts in the study area. Upon the publication of a draft EA, the FAA will contact and coordinate with federal, state, and local agencies, as well as the public, to obtain comments and suggestions regarding the EA for the proposed project. The EA will assess impacts of reasonable alternatives, including a no action alternative, pursuant to NEPA; FAA Order 1050.1, Policies and Procedures for Assessing Environmental Impacts; DOT Order 5610.1, Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts; and the President's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations implementing the provisions of NEPA, 40 CFR parts 1500-1508, and other appropriate guidance.

Scoping: While not required for an EA, the FAA will use the scoping process as outlined in the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations and guidelines to facilitate public involvement. Concerned individuals and agencies are invited to express their views in writing. The purpose of the scoping process is: (1) To provide a description of the proposed action, (2) to provide an early and open process to determine the scope of issues to be addressed and to identify potentially significant issues or impacts related to the proposed action that should be analyzed in the EA, (3) to identify other coordination and any permit requirements associated with the proposed action, and (4) to identify and eliminate from detailed study those issues that are not significant or those that have been adequately addressed during a prior environmental review process.

The scoping period begins with this announcement. To ensure that all issues are identified, the FAA is requesting comments and suggestions on the project scope from all interested federal, state and local agencies and other interested parties. In furtherance of this effort, the FAA has established an Internet Web site that can be accessed at: <http://www.faa.gov/ats/central/oar/oar.html>. Additional information about the Omaha Airspace Redesign can be found at this internet site. Further, the FAA will be maintaining the following

telephone number for general information: (816) 329-2560.

DATES: The FAA will accept formal scoping comments through December 12, 2003. Written comments should be directed to the following address: Federal Aviation Administration, 901 Locust, Attn: ACE-520-OAR, Kansas City, MO 64106. Comments will also be accepted electronically via <http://www.faa.gov/ats/nar/central/oar/oar.html>.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-2003-63]

Petitions for Exemption; Dispositions of Petitions Issued

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of dispositions of prior petitions.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for exemption part 11 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR), this notice contains a summary of dispositions of certain petitions previously received. 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.

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Dispositions of Petitions

Docket No.: FAA-2001-8936.

Petitioner: Robert P. Lavery.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 91.109(a) and (b)(3).

Description of Relief Sought/
Disposition: To permit Robert P. Lavery to conduct certain flight instruction and simulated instrument flights to meet the recent instrument experience requirements in certain Beechcraft airplanes equipped with a functioning throw-over control wheel in place of functioning dual controls. *Grant, 07/30/2003, Exemption No. 7571A.*

Docket No.: FAA-2001-8878.

Petitioner: American Airlines Flight Academy.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 121.434(c)(1)(ii).

Description of Relief Sought/
Disposition: To permit American Airlines Flight Academy to substitute a qualified and authorized check airman or aircrew program designee for an FAA inspector to observe a qualifying PIC who is completing initial or upgrade training specified in § 121.424 during at least one flight leg that includes a takeoff and a landing, subject to certain conditions and limitations. *Grant, 08/04/2003, Exemption No. 6916B.*

Docket No.: FAA-2003-14748.

Petitioner: Aviation Services Group, Inc.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 135.89(b)(3).

Description of Relief Sought/
Disposition: To permit Aviation Services Group, Inc. to operate pressurized aircraft at altitudes above 35,000 feet mean sea level without one pilot at the controls wearing and using an oxygen mask. *Denial, 08/04/2003, Exemption No. 8105.*

Docket No.: FAA-2002-12681.

Petitioner: Mr. Jarle Boe.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 119.33(b)(1).

Description of Relief Sought/
Disposition: To permit Mr. Boe to conduct commercial passenger or cargo aircraft operations for compensation or hire under part 135 without being a U.S. citizen. *Denial, 08/04/2003, Exemption No. 8106.*

Docket No.: FAA-2003-15395.

Petitioner: Delta Air Lines, Inc.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 121.440(a) and SFAR 58, paragraph 6(b)(3)(ii)(A).

Description of Relief Sought/
Disposition: To permit Delta to meet line check requirements using an alternative line check program, subject to certain conditions and limitations. *Grant, 08/04/2003, Exemption No. 8107.*

Docket No.: FAA-2002-13688.

Petitioner: Promech, Inc.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 135.203(a)(1)

Description of Relief Sought/
Disposition: To permit Promech to

conduct operations under visual flight rules outside controlled airspace, over water, at an altitude below 500 feet above the surface, subject to certain conditions and limitations. *Grant, 08/04/2003, Exemption No. 8108.*

Docket No.: FAA-2003-15436.

Petitioner: Ace Aviation Services Corporation.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 135.145.

Description of Relief Sought/
Disposition: To permit Ace Aviation Services Corporation to place turbo jet airplanes in service under part 135 without conducting proving flights. *Denial, 08/05/2003, Exemption No. 8104.*

Docket No.: FAA-2001-10265.

Petitioner: RR Investments Inc., d.b.a. Million Air Dallas.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 135.143(c)(2).

Description of Relief Sought/
Disposition: To permit Million Air Dallas to operate certain aircraft under part 135 without a TSO-C112 (Mode S) transponder installed on those aircraft. *Grant, 08/08/2003, Exemption No. 6718C.*

Docket No.: FAA-2003-15828.

Petitioner: Rainier Heli-Life, Inc.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 135.143(c)(2).

Description of Relief Sought/
Disposition: To permit Rainier Heli-Life, Inc. to operate certain aircraft under part 135 without a TSO-C112 (Mode S) transponder installed on those aircraft. *Grant, 08/08/2003, Exemption No. 8109.*

Docket No.: FAA-2001-10262.

Petitioner: Petroleum Helicopters, Inc.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 135.143(c)(2).

Description of Relief Sought/
Disposition: To permit Petroleum Helicopters, Inc. to operate certain aircraft under part 135 without a TSO-C112 (Mode S) transponder installed on those aircraft. *Grant, 08/14/2003, Exemption No. 5586E.*

Docket No.: FAA-2003-15784.

Petitioner: Denmark Volunteer Fire Department.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 135.251, 135.255, and 135.353, and appendices I and J to part 121.

Description of Relief Sought/
Disposition: To permit the Denmark Volunteer Fire Department to conduct local sightseeing flights at the Eastern Slopes Regional Airport, Fryeburg, Maine, for sightseeing flights during August 2003, with a rain date in September, 2003, for compensation or hire, without complying with certain anti-drug and alcohol misuse prevention requirements of part 135. *Grant, 08/14/2003, Exemption No. 8113.*

Docket No.: FAA-2003-15883.

Petitioner: Vertical Flight Services, LLC.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 135.143(c)(2).

Description of Relief Sought/
Disposition: To permit Vertical Flight Services, LLC, to operate certain aircraft under part 135 without a TSO-C112 (Mode S) transponder installed on those aircraft. *Grant, 08/14/2003, Exemption No. 8114.*

Docket No.: FAA-2003-14563.

Petitioner: AirTran Airways, Inc.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 93.123.

Description of Relief Sought/
Disposition: To permit AirTran Airways, Inc. to conduct three operations at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) without the required slots. *Grant, 08/14/2003, Exemption No. 8112.*

Docket No.: FAA-2003-14827.

Petitioner: Comair, Inc.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 93.123

Description of Relief Sought/
Disposition: To permit Comair, Inc. to conduct three operations at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) without the required slots. *Denial, 08/14/2003, Exemption No. 8112.*

Docket No.: FAA-2003-14975.

Petitioner: Spirit Airlines, Inc.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 93.123.

Description of Relief Sought/
Disposition: To permit Spirit Airlines, Inc. to conduct three operations at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) without the required slots. *Denial, 08/14/2003, Exemption No. 8112.*

Docket No.: FAA-2001-8963.

Petitioner: Peninsula Airways, Inc. (PenAir).

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 121.709(b)(3).

Description of Relief Sought/
Disposition: To permit properly trained PenAir flight crewmembers to install and/or remove medevac stretchers on PenAir Fairchild Metro III aircraft and make the appropriate entries in the aircraft records. *Grant, 08/18/2003, Exemption No. 6674B.*

Docket No.: FAA-2003-15744.

Petitioner: Arctic Air Service.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 133.45(e)(1).

Description of Relief Sought/
Disposition: To permit Arctic Air Service to conduct Class D rotorcraft-load combination operations with an Agusta A 109E helicopter certificated in the normal category under 14 CFR part

27, subject to certain conditions and limitations. *Granted, 08/18/2003, Exemption No. 8116.*

Docket No.: FAA-2002-12797.

Petitioner: Business Jet Services, Ltd.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 135.152(b)(1).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit Business Jet Services, Ltd. to operate two British Aerospace BAC 1-11 400 series airplanes under part 135 without recording the parameters listed within the ranges, accuracies, resolutions, and sampling intervals specified in appendix D to part 135. *Denial, 08/18/2003, Exemption No. 8115.*

Docket No.: FAA-2001-10875.

Petitioner: Fresh Water Adventures, Inc.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 91.323(b)(4).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit Fresh Water Adventures, Inc. to operate its Grumman Goose G-21A amphibian aircraft at a weight that is in excess of that airplane's maximum certificated weight. *Grant, 08/21/2003, Exemption No. 7070B.*

Docket No.: FAA-2001-11081.

Petitioner: Merlin Airways.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 135.143(c)(2).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit Merlin Airways to operate certain aircraft under part 135 without a TSO-C112 (Mode S) transponder installed on those aircraft. *Grant, 08/21/2003, Exemption No. 7681A.*

Docket No.: FAA-2001-10267.

Petitioner: Carver Aero, Inc.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 135.143(c)(2).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit Carver Aero, Inc. to operate certain aircraft under part 135 without a TSO-C112 (Mode S) transponder installed on those aircraft. *Grant, 08/21/2003, Exemption No. 6229D.*

Docket No.: FAA-2001-10162.

Petitioner: TIMCO Aviation Services, Inc.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 145.45(f).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit TIMCO Aviation Services, Inc. to place and maintain its inspection procedures manual (IPM) in technical libraries in its five facility locations and assign copies of the IPM to key individuals rather than give a copy to each of its supervisory and inspection personnel. This requirement, however, will no longer be applicable when Amendment No. 145-47, Repair

Stations: Final Rule (66 FR 41088)

becomes effective October 3, 2003.

Under the new rule, FAA no longer requires certificated repair stations to keep an IPM. *Grant, 08/25/2003, Exemption No. 7621A.*

Docket No.: FAA-2003-15439.

Petitioner: United Parcel Service.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 121.434(c)(1)(ii).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit United Parcel Service to substitute a qualified and authorized check airman or aircrew program designee for an FAA inspector to observe a qualifying pilot in command who is completing initial or upgrade training specified in § 121.424 during at least one flight leg that includes a takeoff and a landing, subject to certain conditions and limitations. *Grant, 08/26/2003, Exemption No. 8118.*

Docket No.: FAA-2003-15969.

Petitioner: Northern Air Cargo, Inc.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 135.143(c)(2).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit Northern Air Cargo, Inc. to operate certain aircraft under part 135 without a TSO-C112 (Mode S) transponder installed on those aircraft, subject to certain conditions and limitations. *Grant, 08/29/2003, Exemption No. 8121.*

Docket No.: FAA-2003-15970.

Petitioner: Montana Aircraft, Inc.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 135.143(c)(2).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit Montana Aircraft, Inc. to operate certain aircraft under part 135 without a TSO-C112 (Mode S) transponder installed on those aircraft, subject to certain conditions and limitations. *Grant, 08/29/2003, Exemption No. 8120.*

Docket No.: FAA-2001-8787.

Petitioner: Yute Air Taxi, Inc.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 135.143(c)(2).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit Yute Air Taxi, Inc. to operate certain aircraft under part 135 without a TSO-C112 (Mode S) transponder installed on those aircraft, subject to certain conditions and limitations. *Grant, 08/29/2003, Exemption No. 7505A.*

Docket No.: FAA-2003-15953.

Petitioner: Boston-Maine Airways.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 121.434(c)(1)(ii).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit Boston-Maine Airways to substitute a qualified and authorized check airman or aircrew program designee for an FAA inspector to observe a qualifying pilot in

command who is completing initial or upgrade training specified in § 121.424 during at least one flight leg that includes a takeoff and a landing, subject to certain conditions and limitations. *Grant, 09/03/2003, Exemption No. 8122.*

Docket No.: FAA-2001-10165.

Petitioner: The North Jersey Chapter, Ninety-Nines, Inc.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 135.251, 135.255, and 135.353, and appendices I and J to part 121.

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit The North Jersey Chapter of the Ninety Nines, Inc. to conduct local sightseeing flights at the Lincoln Park Airport, Lincoln Park, New Jersey, during October, 2003, with a rain date during October, 2003, for compensation or hire, without complying with certain anti-drug and alcohol misuse prevention requirements of part 135. *Grant, 09/04/2003, Exemption No. 8128.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-2003-62]

Petitions for Exemption; Dispositions of Petitions Issued

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of dispositions of prior petitions.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for exemption part 11 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR), this notice contains the dispositions of certain petitions previously received. 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caren Centorelli, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-1), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. Tel. (202) 267-8199.

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