

notice is hereby given that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), National Small Business Development Center Advisory Board will be hosting a public meeting via conference call to discuss such matters that may be presented by Board members, staff of the SBA and interested others. The conference call is scheduled for Tuesday, February 19, 2008, at 1 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the upcoming ASBDC Spring Conference in March and other official SBDC business.

Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation to the Board must contact Alanna Falcone, Program Analyst, U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of Small Business Development Centers, 409 3rd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20416, telephone (202) 619-1612 or fax (202) 481-0134.

**Cherylyn H. Lebon,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6094]

### Evaluation of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

**ACTION:** Request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. State Department, in its role as coordinator for the U.S. Government's role in the IPCC, requests public comment on the activities and process of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in order to facilitate the U.S. Government's effort to assess and enhance the IPCC's high-level of scientific credibility and relevance for the evolving needs of decision-maker.

The IPCC is a scientific intergovernmental body set up by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP). The IPCC's role is to assess on a comprehensive, objective, open, and transparent basis the latest scientific, technical, and socio-economic literature produced worldwide. Consistent with this role, the IPCC does not conduct research, nor does it monitor climate related data or parameters.

In order to fulfill this role, the IPCC produces comprehensive assessment reports at regular intervals of the state of knowledge with respect to climate change science; impacts, vulnerability and adaptation; and mitigation. The most recent of these, the Fourth Assessment Report, was completed in

November 2007. The First Assessment Report was completed in 1990, the Second Assessment Report in 1995, and the Third Assessment Report in 2001. These reports have been widely used as key references for the state of knowledge on climate change, including in international climate discussions under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The IPCC also issues periodic Special Reports on specific aspects of climate change. The most recent of these, on Carbon Dioxide Capture and Storage, was released in 2005. The United States has played a leading role in the IPCC since its inception, through official contributions and key leadership positions in IPCC report development, as well as through the contributions of many U.S. scientist and experts to the reports themselves.

All IPCC reports are developed in a manner that conforms to the IPCC Principles and Procedures, which were developed by participating governments of the IPCC. Consistent with these principles and procedures, IPCC reports should be neutral with respect to policy, although they need to deal objectively with policy relevant scientific, technical, and socio-economic factors.

Efforts are currently underway within the IPCC to initiate a dialogue regarding the scope and nature of IPCC activities in the coming years. In order to inform these discussions, the State Department is requesting public comment regarding aspects of the IPCC products and the processes used to develop them.

*Comments of particular value might focus on:*

- The value of comprehensive assessments vs. special reports;
- The structure, frequency and process for developing IPCC reports;
- Substantive areas that need stronger coverage and, if so, why;
- Relationship of the reports to the needs of decision-makers.

The public is also welcome to submit comment on other aspects of the IPCC as it sees fit. Further information about the activities of the IPCC, as well as IPCC reports can be found at <http://www.ipcc.ch>.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before February 29, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments via e-mail to [IPCC-future@climatescience.gov](mailto:IPCC-future@climatescience.gov) by the prescribed deadline. Append surname to title and to the attached word-processing file to facilitate processing and archival (e.g., "IPCC Future: Smith" and *IPCC-Smith.doc*), and include contact details (name, institution, physical address, phone, and e-mail).

All public comments will be made available on the U.S. Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) Web site at <http://www.climatescience.gov/Library/ipcc/ipcc-future.htm> as submitted, unless modified for technical reasons. Accordingly, comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Trigg Talley, U.S. Department of State, Office of Global Change, at (202)647-3984.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** IPCC assessments and special reports and other information about IPCC activities are available at <http://www.ipcc.ch>.

Dated: February 5, 2008.

**Donna L. Lee,**

*Foreign Affairs Officer, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-2008-02]

#### Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of petition for exemption received.

**SUMMARY:** This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of 14 CFR. 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 the petition or its final disposition.

**DATES:** Comments on this petition must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before February 28, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments identified by Docket Number FAA-2008-0053 using any of the following methods:

- *Government-wide rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.
- *Mail:* Send comments to the Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Fax:* Fax comments to the Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.

• *Hand Delivery*: Bring comments to the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

*Privacy*: We will post all comments we receive, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information you provide. Using the search function of our docket Web site, anyone can find and read the comments received into any of our dockets, including the name of the individual sending the comment (or signing the comment for an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78).

*Docket*: To read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or to the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Judith Watson (781) 238-7196, FAA New England Region Headquarters, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803 or Frances Shaver (202) 267-9681, Office of Rulemaking, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

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**Pamela Hamilton-Powell**,  
Director, Office of Rulemaking.

### Petition for Exemption

*Docket No.*: FAA-2008-0053.

*Petitioner*: McCauley Propeller Systems.

*Section of 14 CFR Affected*:  
§ 21.231(a).

*Description of Relief Sought*: The petitioner seeks relief to permit the issuance of a delegation option authorization for type, production, and airworthiness certification of propellers manufactured for use on turbopropeller and reciprocating engines of not more than 1,650 brake horsepower.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA-2008-0036]

RIN 2120-AF90

#### Policy Regarding Airport Rates and Charges; Extension of Comment Period

**AGENCY**: Department of Transportation, Office of the Secretary and Federal Aviation Administration.

**ACTION**: Notice of proposed amendment to policy statement; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY**: This action extends the comment period for a proposed amendment to the "Policy Regarding the Establishment of Airport Rates and Charges" that was published on January 17, 2008. In that document, the Department of Transportation ("Department") and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) proposed to amend the "Policy Regarding the Establishment of Airport Rates and Charges" published in the **Federal Register** on June 21, 1996 ("1996 Rates and Charges Policy"). The Department and the FAA proposed three amendments to the 1996 Rates and Charges Policy (two modifications and one clarification). These amendments are intended to provide greater flexibility to operators of congested airports to use landing fees to provide incentives to air carriers to use the airport at less congested times or to use alternate airports to meet regional air service needs. Any charges imposed on international operations must also comply with the international obligations of the United States. This extension is a result of a request from the Air Transport Association of America, Inc., the Cargo Airline Association, the National Air Carrier Association, and the Regional Airline Association on behalf of their members, to extend the comment period for thirty days.

**DATES**: The comment period for the Notice of proposed amendment to Policy Regarding the Establishment of Airport Rates and Charges published on January 17, 2008 (73 FR 3310) was scheduled to close on March 3, 2008, and is extended until April 3, 2008.

**ADDRESSES**: You may send comments identified by Docket Number, FAA-2008-0036 using any of the following methods:

• *Government-wide rulemaking Web site*: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>

and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.

• *Mail*: Docket Operations, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Routing Symbol M-30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.

• *Fax*: 1-202-493-2251.

• *Hand Delivery*: To Docket Operations, Room W12-140 on the ground floor of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590; between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

For more information on the notice and comment process, see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

*Privacy*: We will post all comments we receive, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information you provide. For more information, see the Privacy Act discussion in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

*Docket*: To read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or to Room W12-140 on the ground floor of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Charles Erhard, Manager, Airport Compliance Division, AAS-400, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-3187; facsimile: (202) 267-5769; e-mail: [charles.erhard@faa.gov](mailto:charles.erhard@faa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to join in this notice and comment process by filing written comments, data, or views. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the proposal, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting data. We ask that you send us two copies of written comments.

We will file in the docket all comments we receive, as well as a report summarizing each substantive public contact with Department personnel about this proposal. The docket is available for public inspection before and after the comment closing date. If you wish to review the docket in person, go to the address in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also review the docket using