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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 67
[Docket No. FAA–2009–0773]

Special Issuance of Airman Medical Certificates to Applicants Being Treated With Certain Antidepressant Medications; Re-Opening of Comment Period

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Policy statement; re-opening of comment period.

SUMMARY: This action re-opens the comment period on a policy statement published April 5, 2010, related to special issuance of airman medical certificates to applicants using certain antidepressant medication. The comment period is re-opened for 30 days and responds to a request from the Air Line Pilots Association, International.


ADDRESSES: You may send comments identified by Docket Number FAA–2009–0773 using any of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to http://www.regulations.gov and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

The FAA invites interested persons to participate in formulating this policy by submitting written comments, data, or views. We also invite comments relating to the economic, environmental, energy, or federalism impacts that might result from adopting it. The most helpful comments explain (with pertinent references to the text of the policy) the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting data. To ensure the docket does not contain duplicate comments, please send only one copy of written comments, or if you are filing comments electronically, please submit your comments only one time.

We will file in the docket all comments we receive on or before the closing date for comments. We will consider comments filed after the comment period has closed if it is possible to do so without incurring expense or delay. We may make changes in light of the comments we receive.

Availability of the Policy Statement

You can get an electronic copy using the Internet by:

(1) Searching the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov;

(2) Visiting the Office of Rulemaking’s Web page at http://www.faa.gov/avr/arm/index.cfm; or


You can also get a copy by sending a request to the Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Rulemaking, ARM–1, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, or by calling (202) 267–9680. Make sure to identify the docket number or notice number of this rulemaking.

Background

On April 5, 2010 [64 FR 17047], the Federal Aviation Administration published a policy statement entitled “Special Issuance of Airman Medical Certificates to Applicants Being Treated With Certain Antidepressant Medications.” The FAA established a public docket for this policy (FAA–2009–0773) and opened a 30-day comment period until May 5, 2010. The Air Line Pilots Association, International (ALPA) submitted a comment, dated May 5, 2010, requesting that the FAA extend the comment period.

In its comment ALPA stated this policy change is “an important step in the direction of increasing airline safety.” In ALPA’s view, however, “the new protocol has raised a substantial number of questions regarding its application.” ALPA requested an opportunity for a 45-day comment period and specified that this comment period should begin “after the FAA has had the opportunity to answer the specific questions raised about the policy’s practical application.”

The FAA has evaluated ALPA’s request for additional time to comment and is not opposed to re-opening the comment period. Re-opening the comment period for 45 days appears unwarranted, however, given the few comments received regarding the policy
and its practical application during the original 30-day comment period. Therefore, the FAA will re-open the comment period for 30 days.

ALPA has not formally submitted to the public docket its specific questions about the policy’s practical application and, as mentioned, few commenters provided input in this regard during the open comment period. To receive appropriate consideration, therefore, the FAA requests specific information regarding these concerns be provided during the next 30 days of the re-opened comment period.

Re-Opening of Comment Period

In accordance with Sec. 11.47(c) of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, the FAA has reviewed ALPA’s comment for extension of the comment period to Docket FAA—2009–0773. Since the comment period has already closed, the FAA will re-open it for a period of 30 days. The petitioner has shown a substantive interest in the policy and has provided good cause to grant re-opening of the comment period. The FAA has determined that re-opening the comment period is consistent with the public interest and that good cause exists for taking this action.

Accordingly, the comment period is re-opened until June 25, 2010.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 20, 2010.

Frederick E. Tilton,
Federal Air Surgeon.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

18 CFR Part 284

[Docket No. RM09–2–000; Order No. 735]

Contract Reporting Requirements of Intrastate Natural Gas Companies

May 20, 2010.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: In this Final Rule, the Commission revises the contract reporting requirements for those natural gas pipelines that fall under the Commission’s jurisdiction pursuant to section 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act or section 1(c) of the Natural Gas Act. The Final Rule revises § 284.126(b) and replaces Form No. 549—Intrastate Pipeline Annual Transportation Report with the new Form No. 549D—Quarterly Transportation and Storage Report for Intrastate Natural Gas and Hinshaw Pipelines. The Final Rule makes changes so as to increase the reporting frequency from annual to quarterly, include certain additional types of information and cover storage transactions as well as transportation transactions, establish a procedure for the Form No. 549D reports to be filed in a uniform electronic format and posted on the Commission’s Web site, and hold that those reports must be public and may not be filed with information redacted as privileged. The Commission is also modifying its policy concerning periodic reviews of the rates charged by section 311 and Hinshaw pipelines to extend the cycle for such reviews from 3 years to 5 years.

DATES: Effective Date: This rule will become effective April 1, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Before Commissioners: Jon Wellinghoff, Chairman; Marc Spitzer, Philip D. Moeller, and John R. Norris.

Order No. 735

Final Rule

Issued May 20, 2010.

I. Introduction and Summary

1. In this Final Rule, the Commission revises the contract reporting requirements for (1) intrastate natural gas pipelines providing interstate transportation service pursuant to section 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act or section 1(c) of the NGA. For consistency, this Final Rule will also use the terms “transportation,” “pipeline,” and “shippers” to refer inclusively to storage activity (except where noted).