

from compliance with the applicable standards of airworthiness in effect on the date of application.

Type Certification Basis

Under the provisions of 14 CFR 21.17 and 21.101(a), PWC must show that the model PT6C-67E turboshaft engine meets the provisions of the applicable regulations in effect on the date of application, unless otherwise specified by the FAA. The current certification basis for this model series is 14 CFR part 33 Amendment 20; however, PWC proposes to demonstrate compliance to later amendments of part 33 for this model. In accordance with 14 CFR 21.101(b), the FAA concurs with the PWC proposal. Therefore, the certification basis for the PT6C-67E model turboshaft engine will be part 33, effective February 1, 1965, as amended by Amendments 33-1 through 33-30.

If the Administrator finds that the applicable airworthiness regulations in part 33, as amended, do not contain adequate or appropriate safety standards for the PWC model PT6C-67E turboshaft engine, because of a novel or unusual design feature, special conditions are prescribed under the provisions of § 21.16.

The FAA issues special conditions, as defined by 14 CFR 11.19, in accordance with 14 CFR 11.38, which become part of the type certification basis in accordance with § 21.17(b)(2).

Special conditions are initially applicable to the model for which they are issued. Should the type certificate for that model be amended later to include another related model that incorporates the same or similar novel or unusual design feature, or should any other model already included on the same type certificate be modified to incorporate the same or similar novel or unusual design feature, the special conditions would also apply to the other model.

Novel or Unusual Design Features

The PWC model PT6C-67E turboshaft engine will incorporate a novel or unusual design feature which is a 30-Minute All Engine Operating (AEO) power rating, for use up to 30 minutes at any time between take-off and landing. Special conditions for a 30-Minute AEO rating are proposed to address this novel and unusual design feature. The special conditions are discussed below.

Discussion

The PWC model PT6C-67E turboshaft engine is a free turbine turboshaft designed for a transport category twin-engine helicopter. The helicopter

manufacturer anticipates that for search and rescue extended hovering maneuvers may require more than maximum continuous power for up to 30 minutes. PWC has requested a 30-Minute All Engine Operating (AEO) rating for use up to 30 minutes at any time between the take-off and landing phases of a flight. PWC has indicated that the number of times this rating can be accessed in one flight is not limited; but total time is limited to a cumulative total of 50 minutes for any one flight.

Applicability

As discussed above, these special conditions are applicable to PWC model PT6C-67E turboshaft engines. If Pratt and Whitney Canada applies later for a change to the type certificate to include another closely related model incorporating the same novel or unusual design feature, these special conditions would apply to that model as well.

Conclusion

This action affects only certain novel or unusual design features on the Pratt and Whitney Canada Model PT6C-67E Turboshaft Engine. It is not a rule of general applicability, and it affects only Pratt and Whitney Canada who applied to the FAA for approval of these features on the engine.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 33

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Safety.

The authority citation for these special conditions continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701-44702, 44704.

The Proposed Special Conditions

Accordingly, the FAA proposes the following special conditions as part of the type certification basis for PWC model PT6C-67E turboshaft engines.

1. PART 1—DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise approved by the Administrator and documented in the appropriate manuals and certification documents, the following definition applies to this special condition: “Rated 30 Minute AEO Power” means the approved shaft horsepower developed under static conditions at the specified altitude and temperature, and within the operating limitations established under part 33, and limited in use to periods not exceeding 30 minutes, and limited to a cumulative total of 50 minutes use for any given flight.

2. PART 33—REQUIREMENTS

(a) Sections 33.1 Applicability and 33.3 General: As applicable, all

documentation, testing and analysis required to comply with the part 33 certification basis must account for the 30 minute AEO rating, limits and usage.

(b) Section 33.4, Instructions for Continued Airworthiness (ICA). In addition to the requirements of § 33.4, the ICA must:

(1) Include instructions to ensure that in-service engine deterioration due to rated 30 minute AEO power usage will not be excessive, meaning that all other approved ratings, including One Engine Inoperative (OEI), are available (within associated limits and assumed usage) for each flight; and that deterioration will not exceed that assumed for declaring a Time Between Overhaul period.

(i) The applicant must validate the adequacy of the maintenance actions required under paragraph (b)(1) above.

(2) Include in the Airworthiness Limitations section, any mandatory inspections and serviceability limits related to the use of the 30-minute AEO rating.

(c) Section 33.87, Endurance Test. In addition to the requirements of §§ 33.87(a) and 33.87(d), the overall test run must include a minimum of 25 hours of operation at 30 minute AEO power and limits, divided into periods of 30 minutes AEO power with alternate periods at maximum continuous power or less.

(1) Each § 33.87(d) continuous OEI rating test period of 30 minutes or longer, run at power and limits equal to or higher than the 30 minute AEO rating, may be credited toward this requirement.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

37 CFR Chapter I

[Docket No. PTO-C-2011-0026]

Preliminary Plan for Retrospective Analysis of Existing Rules

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO” or “Office”) has prepared a preliminary

plan to review its existing significant regulations in response to the President's Executive Order 13563 on Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review. The Office's plan is part of the Department of Commerce's ("DOC") "Preliminary Plan for Retrospective Analysis of Existing Rules," which recently has been made public. The Office is implementing the parts of DOC's plan that relate to review of the Office's existing significant regulations. Those parts of the plan set forth a process for reviewing the Office's regulations and determining whether any of these regulations should be modified, streamlined, expanded, or repealed in order to make the Office's regulatory program more effective and less burdensome. Now that the preliminary plan has been completed and published, the Office is asking the public to provide comments on the plan prior to it being finalized.

DATES: You must submit any comments on or before September 6, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically by e-mailing them directly to the Office at regulatory_review_comments@uspto.gov. Comments may also be submitted by mail addressed to: Office of the General Counsel, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, marked to the attention of Nicolas Oettinger. Although comments may be submitted by mail, the Office prefers to receive comments via the Internet. Comments may also be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal Web site at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Additional instructions on providing comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal are available at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments submitted directly to the Office or provided on the Federal eRulemaking Portal should include the docket number (PTO-C-2011-0026).

All comments will be available for public inspection upon request at the Office of the Commissioner for Patents, located in Madison East, Tenth Floor, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, Virginia, and will be available on the USPTO Web site at <http://www.uspto.gov>. All comments submitted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal will be made available publicly on that Web site. Because comments will be made available for public inspection, information that the submitter does not desire to make public, such as an address or phone number, should not be included in the comments.

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Counsel, by telephone at 571-272-7832, by e-mail at nicolas.oettinger@uspto.gov, or by mail addressed to Mail Stop Comments—Patents, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, marked to the attention of Nicolas Oettinger.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 18, 2011, President Obama issued Executive Order 13563, Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review. E.O. 13563, 76 FR 3281. The Executive Order directed agencies to develop and submit, within 120 days, preliminary plans for reviewing their existing "significant regulations" (as that term is defined in Executive Order 12866) and determining whether and how such regulations could be made more effective and less burdensome. Additional information about Executive Order 13563, and the work that agencies have done to comply with the Order, can be found at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/21stcenturygov/actions/21st-century-regulatory-system>.

The Office, in its capacity as an agency within DOC, has developed a preliminary plan for the review of its existing significant regulations, which is part of DOC's more general preliminary plan that was prepared in accordance with Executive Order 13563. DOC's preliminary plan, which includes the process by which the Office will engage in a retrospective analysis of its existing significant regulations and a list of candidate regulations for review over the next two years, was submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on May 18, 2011 in accordance with Executive Order 13563. The plan has been made available to the public on DOC's Web site at <http://www.commerce.gov> and on the White House Web site at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/21stcenturygov/actions/21st-century-regulatory-system>.

The Office is now working on finalizing the portions of this preliminary plan that relate to the Office. When the Office was preparing its preliminary plan, it solicited public comments with its March 22, 2011 **Federal Register** notice, and those comments were valuable in developing the plan. Now that the Office is working on finalizing the plan, the Office seeks further comment from the public on the portions of DOC's preliminary plan that relate to the Office.

The Office welcomes any comments the public believes might be helpful as it works on finalizing the plan. In particular, comments on ways in which the plan can be improved or best implemented are encouraged, as are

comments on the list of candidate regulations for review that is set forth in the plan and any suggestions for additional regulations that should be considered for review.

In order to comply with OMB guidance that directs plans to be finalized within 80 days of their publication, the Office asks that comments on the plan be submitted by September 6, 2011. The Office will continue to receive and consider comments submitted after that date. The Office plans to continue receiving comments on the plan, and considering such comments as it implements and refines the plan, on a going-forward basis. The Office will maintain a Web page (located at <http://www.uspto.gov/ip/rules/lookback.jsp>) that will provide information about the plan, the Office's progress in implementing the plan and reviewing regulations, and the comments the Office has received on the plan. Comments can be submitted to the Office at any time through that web page, even after the expiration of the comment period set forth in this notice.

While the Office welcomes and values all comments from the public in response to this request, these comments do not bind the Office to any further actions related to the comments, and the Office may not respond to every comment that is submitted.

Dated: June 29, 2011.

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Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

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Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Connecticut; Infrastructure SIP for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to conditionally approve one element of Connecticut's December 28, 2007 submittal to meet the Clean Air Act infrastructure requirements for the 1997 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). The Clean Air Act