(iii) Remove the disk from service before further flight if a crack or a band of fluorescence is present.

(2) Thereafter, clean and perform an FPI of the LPT rotor stage 3 disk forward spacer arm, as specified in paragraphs (l)(1)(i) through (l)(1)(ii) of this AD, at each engine shop visit that occurs after 1,000 cycles since the last FPI of the LPT rotor stage 3 disk forward spacer arm.

(m) Removal of LPT Rotor Stage 3 Disks

Remove LPT rotor stage 3 disks listed in Table 1 from service as follows:

(1) For disks that have fewer than 3,200 flight cycles since new (CSN) on the effective date of this AD, remove the disk from service before exceeding 6,200 CSN.

(2) For disks that have 3,200 CSN or more on the effective date of this AD, do the following:

(i) If the engine has a shop visit before the disk exceeds 6,200 CSN, remove the disk from service before exceeding 6,200 CSN.

(ii) If the engine does not have a shop visit before the disk exceeds 6,200 CSN, remove the disk from service at the next shop visit after 6,200 CSN, not to exceed 3,000 cycles from the effective date of this AD.

(n) Installation Prohibition

(1) After the effective date of this AD, do not install or reinstall in any engine any LPT rotor stage 3 disk that exceeds the new life limit of 6,200 CSN.

(2) Remove from service any LPT rotor stage 3 disk that is installed or re-installed after the effective date of this AD, before the disk exceeds the new life limit of 6,200 CSN.

(o) Definitions

(1) For the purposes of this AD, an EGT above redline is a confirmed over-temperature indication that is not a result of EGT system error.

(2) For the purposes of this AD, a shift in the smoothed EGT trending data is a shift in a rolling average of EGT readings that can be confirmed by a corresponding shift in the trend of fuel flow or fan speed/core speed (N1/N2) relationship. You can find further guidance about evaluating EGT trend data in GE Company Service Rep Tip 373 “Guidelines For Parameter Trend Monitoring”.

(3) For the purposes of this AD, an engine shop visit is the induction of an engine into the shop after the effective date of this AD, where the separation of a major engine flange occurs, except the following maintenance actions, or any combination, are not considered engine shop visits:

(i) Induction of an engine into a shop solely for removal of the compressor top or bottom case for airfoil maintenance or variable stator vane bushing replacement.

(ii) Induction of an engine into a shop solely for removal or replacement of the stage 1 fan disk.

(iii) Induction of an engine into a shop solely for replacement of the turbine rear frame.

(iv) Induction of an engine into a shop solely for replacement of the accessory gearbox or transfer gearbox, or both.

(v) Induction of an engine into a shop solely for replacement of the fan forward case.

(4) For the purposes of this AD, a raw EGT trend data point above the smoothed average is a confirmed temperature reading over the rolling average of EGT readings that is not a result of EGT system error.

(p) Previous Credit

(1) A BSI performed before the effective date of this AD using AD 2010–06–15, Amendment 39–16240 (75 FR 12661, March 17, 2010) or AD 2010–12–10, Amendment 39–16331 (75 FR 32649, June 9, 2010) or AD 2011–02–07, Amendment 39–16580 (76 FR 6323, February 4, 2011) within the last 75 cycles, satisfies the initial BSI requirement in paragraph (f)(1) of this AD.

(2) A UI performed before the effective date of this AD using AD 2011–02–07, Amendment 39–16580 (76 FR 6323, February 4, 2011) or GE SB No. CF6–50 S/B 72–1312, dated August 9, 2010 or GE SB No. CF6–50 S/B 72–1313 Revision 1, dated October 18, 2010, satisfies the inspection requirement in paragraph (j)(1) of this AD.

(3) An engine core vibration survey performed before the effective date of this AD using AD 2011–02–07, Amendment 39–16580 (76 FR 6323, February 4, 2011) or GE SB No. CF6–50 S/B 72–1313, dated August 9, 2010 or GE SB No. CF6–50 S/B 72–1313 Revision 1, dated October 18, 2010, within the last 350 cycles, satisfies the initial survey requirement in paragraphs (k)(1) through (k)(5) of this AD.

(4) An FPI of the LPT rotor stage 3 disk forward spacer arm performed before the effective date of this AD using AD 2011–18–01, Amendment 39–16785 (75 FR 52213, August 22, 2011), within the last 1,000 flight cycles of the LPT rotor stage 3 disk, satisfies the initial inspection requirements in paragraphs (l)(1)(i) through (l)(1)(iii) of this AD.

(q) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(1) AMOCs previously approved for AD 2010–06–15, Amendment 39–16240 (75 FR 12661, March 17, 2010) are not approved for this AD. However, AMOCs previously approved for AD 2010–12–10, Amendment 39–16331 (75 FR 32649, June 9, 2010), AD 2011–02–07, Amendment 39–16580 (76 FR 6323, February 4, 2011), or AD 2011–18–01, Amendment 39–16785 (75 FR 52213, August 22, 2011) are approved for this AD.

(2) The Manager, Engine Certification Office, may approve alternative methods of compliance for this AD. Use the procedures found in CFR 39.19 to make your request.

(r) Related Information

(1) For more information about this AD, contact Tomasz Rakowski, Aerospace Engineer, Engine Certification Office, FAA, Engine & Propeller Directorate, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803; phone: (781) 238–7735; fax: (781) 238–7199; email: tomasz.rakowski@faa.gov.

(2) For service information identified in this AD, contact General Electric Company, GE–Aviation, Room 285, 1 Neumann Way, Cincinnati, OH 45215, phone: (513) 552–3272; email: geao.aoc@ge.com.

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[Docket No. SSA–2011–0094]

Requiring Electronic Filing of Select Appeals by Certain Claimant Representatives

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.

ACTION: Notification of implementation of requirement.

SUMMARY: We are announcing the requirement that appointed representatives file certain appeals using our electronic systems in matters for which the representatives request direct fee payment. This is the first service required under the regulation we published on September 12, 2011 (76 FR 56107), Requiring Use of Electronic Services.

DATES: The effective date of this notification of implementation of requirement is March 16, 2012.
We may investigate to determine if a duty to comply with this requirement. Using our Internet Appeals web portal: http://www.socialsecurity.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Requiring Electronic Filing of Appeals
On September 12, 2011, we published final rules that require representatives to conduct business with us electronically at the times and in the manner we prescribe on matters for which the representative requests direct fee payment. At the time, we did not require representatives to use any specific electronic service. Rather, in the preamble to the final rule (76 FR 56107), we stated that, “Once we determine that we should make a particular electronic service publicly available because it works well, we will publish a notice in the Federal Register. The notice will contain the new requirement(s) and a list of all established electronic service requirements.” We also said in the preamble that we would adjust the burden for affected Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved collections before requiring representatives to use the collections’ electronic versions. We published a notice on December 1, 2011 (76 FR 74838) concerning the burden adjustment for the affected electronic services under OMB No. 0960–0144, Disability Report-Appeal, OMB No. 0960–0269 (Request for Hearing by Administrative Law Judge), and OMB No. 0960–0622, Request for Reconsideration.

As of March 16, 2012, we will begin mandating electronic filing of certain appeals in each matter in which a representative requests direct payment of the authorized fee. This electronic filing requirement is limited to the filing of a request for reconsideration or for a hearing by an administrative law judge for disability claims under title II of the Social Security Act (Act) or Supplemental Security Income claims based on disability or blindness under title XVI of the Act denied for medical reasons. Representatives must satisfy this electronic filing requirement by using our Internet Appeals web portal: www.socialsecurity.gov.

A representative has an affirmative duty to comply with this requirement. We may investigate to determine if a representative purposefully violated this duty or is attempting to circumvent our rules. We may sanction a representative who does not follow these rules. However, we will not reject or delay a claimant’s request or process it differently if a representative fails to comply with this electronic filing requirement.

Claimants, whether they are represented or not, and representatives who are not eligible for or who do not request direct fee payment on a matter, may continue to file all appeal requests either electronically, on paper, or in any manner we prescribe.

Additional Information
Additional information is available on our Representing Claimants Web site at http://www.ssa.gov/representation/ or it can be obtained by writing to: Social Security Administration, Office of Public Inquiries, Windsor Park Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 96.001, Social Security-Disability Insurance; 96.002, Social Security-Retirement Insurance; 96.004, Social Security-Survivors Insurance; and 96.006, Supplemental Security Income)

Michael J. Astrue,
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