

production, and on which no interconnecting strut has been replaced with a strut having a part number specified in figure 1 to paragraph (g) of this AD since the airplane's first flight: No further work is required by paragraph (g) of this AD.

(2) If, during the inspection required by paragraph (g) of this AD, any interconnecting strut is installed with a part number specified in figure 1 to paragraph (g) of this AD: Within 8,000 flight hours after the effective date of this AD, determine the part number and the serial number of the associated target and proximity sensor.

FIGURE 1 TO PARAGRAPH (G) OF THIS AD—INTERCONNECTING STRUT PART NUMBERS

Interconnecting strut part numbers
D5757030500000
D5757030500100
D5757030500200
D5757030500600
D5757030500800
D5757030501000
D5757030501200
D5757032200000

(i) For airplanes having conditions specified in paragraphs (g)(2)(i)(A), (g)(2)(i)(B), (g)(2)(i)(C), and (g)(2)(i)(D) of this AD: Before further flight, replace the interconnecting strut with a serviceable unit, in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Airbus Service Bulletin A320-27-1206, Revision 01, dated October 10, 2011. For the purposes of this AD, a serviceable interconnecting strut is a unit which has been determined to be in compliance with the following requirements of this AD:

- (A) A target part number (P/N) ABS0121-13 or P/N 8-536-01; and
- (B) A target serial number lower than 1600, or a target serial number that is unreadable; and
- (C) A proximity sensor having P/N ABS0121-31 or P/N 8-372-04; and
- (D) A proximity sensor having a serial number between C59198 and C59435, or a serial number (S/N) C500000 or higher.

(ii) For a target having S/N 1600 or higher and target P/N ABS0121-13 or P/N 8-536-01: Within 8,000 flight hours after the effective date of this AD, re-identify the interconnecting strut, in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Airbus Service Bulletin A320-27-1206, Revision 01, dated October 10, 2011.

**(h) Parts Installation Prohibition**

As of the effective date of this AD, no person may install an interconnecting strut with a part number specified in figure 1 to paragraph (g) of this AD, on any airplane, except for parts identified in paragraph (g)(2)(ii) of this AD, provided that the actions in paragraph (g)(2)(ii) are done.

**(i) Credit for Previous Actions**

This paragraph provides credit for the actions required by paragraph (g) of this AD, if those actions were performed before the effective date of this AD using Airbus Service

Bulletin A320-27-1206, dated January 28, 2011, and if additional work has been accomplished using Airbus Service Bulletin A320-27-1206, Revision 01, dated October 10, 2011. Airbus Service Bulletin A320-27-1206, dated January 28, 2011, is not incorporated by reference in this AD.

**(j) Other FAA AD Provisions**

The following provisions also apply to this AD:

(1) *Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)*: The Manager, International Branch, ANM-116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or local Flight Standards District Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the International Branch, send it to ATTN: Sanjay Ralhan, Aerospace Engineer, International Branch, ANM-116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, Washington 98057-3356; telephone (425) 227-1405; fax (425) 227-1149. Information may be emailed to: 9-ANM-116-AMOC-REQUESTS@faa.gov. Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district office/certificate holding district office. The AMOC approval letter must specifically reference this AD.

(2) *Airworthy Product*: For any requirement in this AD to obtain corrective actions from a manufacturer or other source, use these actions if they are FAA-approved. Corrective actions are considered FAA-approved if they are approved by the State of Design Authority (or their delegated agent). You are required to assure the product is airworthy before it is returned to service.

(2) *Airworthy Product*: For any requirement in this AD to obtain corrective actions from a manufacturer or other source, use these actions if they are FAA-approved. Corrective actions are considered FAA-approved if they are approved by the State of Design Authority (or their delegated agent). You are required to assure the product is airworthy before it is returned to service.

**(k) Related Information**

- (1) Refer to Mandatory Continuing Airworthiness Information (MCAI) EASA Airworthiness Directive 2012-0012, dated January 23, 2012, for related information. This MCAI may be found in the AD docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov/#/documentDetail;D=FAA-2013-0791-0002>.
- (2) Service information identified in this AD that is not incorporated by reference may be viewed at the addresses specified in paragraphs (l)(3) and (l)(4) of this AD.

**(l) Material Incorporated by Reference**

- (1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference (IBR) of the service information listed in this paragraph under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.
- (2) You must use this service information as applicable to do the actions required by this AD, unless this AD specifies otherwise.
  - (i) Airbus Service Bulletin A320-27-1206, Revision 01, dated October 10, 2011.
  - (ii) Reserved.
  - (3) For service information identified in this AD, contact Airbus, Airworthiness Office—EAS, 1 Rond Point Maurice Bellonte, 31707 Blagnac Cedex, France; telephone +33 5 61 93 36 96; fax +33 5 61 93 44 51; email

[account.airworth-eas@airbus.com](mailto:account.airworth-eas@airbus.com); Internet <http://www.airbus.com>.

(4) You may view this service information at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 425-227-1221.

(5) You may view this service information that is incorporated by reference at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, call 202-741-6030, or go to: <http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html>.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on January 22, 2014.

**Jeffrey E. Duven,**

Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**14 CFR Part 39**

[Docket No. FAA-2013-0735; Directorate Identifier 2013-SW-014-AD; Amendment 39-17748; AD 2014-03-11]

**RIN 2120-AA64**

**Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc. (Bell) Helicopters**

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** We are adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for Bell Model 204B helicopters with a certain cable assembly installed. This AD requires inspecting the tail rotor (T/R) cable assembly for an incorrectly machined body. This AD is prompted by a report from Bell that a defective body on the cable prevents the barrel assembly from fully engaging in the body cavity. These actions are intended to prevent disengagement of the cable from the barrel, failure of the T/R pitch control, and subsequent loss of control of the helicopter.

**DATES:** This AD is effective March 26, 2014.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain document listed in this AD as of March 26, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** For service information identified in this AD, contact Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc., P.O. Box 482, Fort Worth, TX 76101; telephone (817) 280-3391; fax (817) 280-6466; or at <http://www.bellcustomer.com/files/>. You may review a copy of the

referenced service information at the FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Room 663, Fort Worth, Texas 76137.

#### *Examining the AD Docket*

You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> or in person at the Docket Operations Office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this AD, any incorporated-by-reference service information, the economic evaluation, any comments received, and other information. The street address for the Docket Operations Office (phone: 800-647-5527) is U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations Office, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Helene Gandy, Aviation Safety Engineer, Rotorcraft Certification Office, Rotorcraft Directorate, FAA, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Fort Worth, Texas 76137; telephone (817) 222-5413; email [7-AVS-ASW-170@faa.gov](mailto:7-AVS-ASW-170@faa.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Discussion**

On August 20, 2013, at 78 FR 51126, the **Federal Register** published our notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM), which proposed to amend 14 CFR part 39 by adding an AD that would apply to Bell Model 204B helicopters with a cable assembly, part number 205-001-720-001 installed. The NPRM proposed to require inspecting each cable assembly to determine if an incorrectly machined body is installed. If an incorrectly machined body is installed, the NPRM proposed to require replacing the cable assembly within 100 hours time-in-service (TIS). Until the cable assembly is replaced, the NPRM proposed to require inspecting the assembly for separation daily.

The proposed requirements were intended to prevent disengagement of the cable from the body, T/R pitch control failure in a fixed position, and subsequent loss of control of the helicopter.

#### **Comments**

We gave the public the opportunity to participate in developing this AD, but we did not receive any comments on the NPRM (78 FR 51126, August 20, 2013).

#### **FAA's Determination**

We have reviewed the relevant information and determined that an unsafe condition exists and is likely to

exist or develop on other products of the same type design and that air safety and the public interest require adopting the AD requirements as proposed.

#### **Related Service Information**

We reviewed Bell Alert Service Bulletin No. 204B-12-68, dated October 10, 2012 (ASB), which describes procedures for inspecting the barrel assembly to determine if an incorrectly machined body is installed. If an incorrectly machined body is installed, the ASB specifies replacing the cable assembly. The ASB further specifies inspecting the barrel assembly and cable connection daily until the cable assembly is replaced.

#### **Differences Between This AD and the Service Information**

The ASB specifies replacing any defective cable assembly within 100 hours TIS or by January 31, 2013; this AD requires replacing the cable assembly within 100 hours TIS.

#### **Costs of Compliance**

We estimate that this AD will affect 9 helicopters of U.S. Registry. We estimate that operators will incur the following costs in order to comply with this AD. At an average labor rate of \$85 per hour, inspecting the barrel assembly requires about 1 work-hour, for a cost per helicopter of \$85 and a total cost of \$765 for the fleet. If required, replacing a defective cable assembly requires about 8 work-hours, and required parts cost about \$625, for a cost per helicopter of \$1,305.

#### **Authority for This Rulemaking**

Title 49 of the United States Code specifies the FAA's authority to issue rules on aviation safety. Subtitle I, section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII: Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the Agency's authority.

We are issuing this rulemaking under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart III, Section 44701: "General requirements." Under that section, Congress charges the FAA with promoting safe flight of civil aircraft in air commerce by prescribing regulations for practices, methods, and procedures the Administrator finds necessary for safety in air commerce. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on products identified in this rulemaking action.

#### **Regulatory Findings**

This AD will not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This AD will not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this AD:

- (1) Is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866;
- (2) Is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979);
- (3) Will not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska to the extent that it justifies making a regulatory distinction; and
- (4) Will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

We prepared an economic evaluation of the estimated costs to comply with this AD and placed it in the AD docket.

#### **List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39**

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

#### **Adoption of the Amendment**

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA amends 14 CFR part 39 as follows:

#### **PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES**

- 1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

#### **§ 39.13 [Amended]**

- 2. The FAA amends § 39.13 by adding the following new airworthiness directive (AD):

**2014-03-11 Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc. (Bell) Helicopters:** Amendment 39-17748; Docket No. FAA-2013-0735; Directorate Identifier 2013-SW-014-AD.

#### **(a) Applicability**

This AD applies to Bell Model 204B helicopters with a cable assembly, part number 205-001-720-001 installed, certificated in any category.

#### **(b) Unsafe Condition**

This AD defines the unsafe condition as an incorrectly machined body on the cable assembly, which could prevent the barrel assembly from fully engaging in the body cavity. This condition could result in disengagement of the cable from the barrel, failure of the tail rotor pitch control, and subsequent loss of control of the helicopter.

**(c) Effective Date**

This AD becomes effective March 26, 2014.

**(d) Compliance**

You are responsible for performing each action required by this AD within the specified compliance time unless it has already been accomplished prior to that time.

**(e) Required Actions**

(1) Within 25 hours time in service (TIS), inspect each cable assembly to determine if there is a false cut on the body of the barrel assembly, as depicted in Figure 1 of Bell Alert Service Bulletin No. 204B-12-68, dated October 10, 2012.

(2) If there is a false cut, before the first flight of each day, inspect the cable assembly for separation of the barrel assembly from the body. If there is any separation, before further flight, replace the cable assembly.

(3) Within 100 hours TIS, replace the cable assembly with an airworthy cable assembly that does not have a false cut in the body. Replacing the cable assembly is terminating action for the inspections required by paragraph (e)(2) of this AD.

**(f) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)**

(1) The Manager, Rotorcraft Certification Office, FAA, may approve AMOCs for this AD. Send your proposal to: Helene Gandy, Aviation Safety Engineer, Rotorcraft Certification Office, Rotorcraft Directorate, FAA, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Fort Worth, Texas 76137; telephone (817) 222-5413; email 7-AVS-ASW-170@faa.gov.

(2) For operations conducted under a 14 CFR part 119 operating certificate or under 14 CFR part 91, subpart K, we suggest that you notify your principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district office or certificate holding district office before operating any aircraft complying with this AD through an AMOC.

**(g) Subject**

Joint Aircraft Service Component (JASC) Code: 6720: Tail Rotor Control System.

**(h) Material Incorporated by Reference**

(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference (IBR) of the service information listed in this paragraph under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(2) You must use this service information as applicable to do the actions required by this AD, unless the AD specifies otherwise.

(i) Bell Alert Service Bulletin No. 204B-12-68, dated October 10, 2012.

(ii) Reserved.

(3) For Bell service information identified in this AD, contact Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc., P.O. Box 482, Fort Worth, TX 76101; telephone (817) 280-3391; fax (817) 280-6466; or at <http://www.bellcustomer.com/files/>.

(4) You may view this service information at FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Room 663, Fort Worth, Texas 76137. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (817) 222-5110.

(5) You may view this service information that is incorporated by reference at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, call (202) 741-6030, or go to: <http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html>.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, on January 31, 2014.

**Lance T. Gant,**

*Acting Directorate Manager, Rotorcraft Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****18 CFR Part 375**

[Docket No. RM14-5-000; Order No. 795]

**Delegation of Authority Regarding Consideration of Notice of Penalty**

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission issues this Final Rule to revise its regulations to delegate authority to the Director of the Commission's Office of Electric Reliability to issue orders extending the period of time for consideration of Notices of Penalty filed by the Electric Reliability Organization. In addition, this Final Rule revises the Commission's regulations to remove the same authority, and certain related authority, that is currently delegated to the Director of the Commission's Office of Enforcement. These revisions are necessary to enable the Commission to process routine, non-controversial Notices of Penalty in a timely and efficient manner.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* This Rule will become effective February 19, 2014.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Matthew Vlissides, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8408, [Matthew.Vlissides@ferc.gov](mailto:Matthew.Vlissides@ferc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Before Commissioners:* Cheryl A. LaFleur, Acting Chairman; Philip D. Moeller, John R. Norris, and Tony Clark.

**Final Rule**

(Issued February 11, 2014)

1. The Commission issues this Final Rule to revise its delegations of

authority to allow for the efficient and timely processing of Notices of Penalty (Notices) issued by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), the Commission-certified Electric Reliability Organization (ERO). Specifically, this Final Rule delegates authority to the Director of the Office of Electric Reliability to issue orders extending the period of time for consideration of Notices filed by the ERO. This Final Rule removes the same authority currently delegated to the Director of the Office of Enforcement to extend the period of time to consider Notices. This Final Rule also removes the authority delegated to the Director of the Office of Enforcement to direct NERC or applicable Regional Entities to submit information when necessary to process Notices without the need for Commission action.

**I. Background**

2. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 added section 215 to the Federal Power Act (FPA), which requires a Commission-certified Electric Reliability Organization to develop mandatory and enforceable Reliability Standards, subject to Commission review and approval.<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to FPA section 215(e)(1), the ERO may impose a penalty on a user, owner or operator of the Bulk-Power System for a violation of a Reliability Standard approved by the Commission. Pursuant to FPA section 215(e)(4), the Commission authorized NERC, in its capacity as the ERO, to delegate authority to impose such penalties to eight Regional Entities through Commission-approved Delegation Agreements. Under FPA section 215(e), NERC must file each Notice with the Commission. The penalty is subject to Commission review upon its own motion or upon application by the entity subject to the proposed penalty within 30 days. If no review is sought or initiated, the penalty takes effect by operation of law.

3. In Order No. 728, the Commission determined that, in many cases involving the assessment of zero dollar penalties, Notices could be processed without a Commission vote.<sup>2</sup> Previously, when the Commission received a Notice, it was analyzed within thirty days by staff from the Office of Enforcement, the Office of Electric Reliability, and the Office of General Counsel, who then recommended to the Commission whether the Notice should become

<sup>1</sup> 16 U.S.C. 824o.

<sup>2</sup> *Delegations for Notices of Penalty*, Order No. 728, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,298, at P 5 (2009) (cross-referenced at 129 FERC ¶ 61,094 (2009)).