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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 5, 2019, the Commission received a Petition for Rulemaking from the Campaign Legal Center and the Center for Responsive Politics ("Petition"). The Petition asks the Commission to "promulgate rules and forms requiring national party committees to delineate within their reports the individual and aggregate transactions involving" the accounts created by the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015, Public Law 113-235, 128 Stat. 2130, 2772 (2014) ("Appropriations Act"). Petition at 6.

The Appropriations Act amended the Federal Election Campaign Act, 52 U.S.C. 30101-45 ("FECA"), by establishing separate limits on contributions to three types of segregated accounts of national party committees (collectively "segregated party accounts"). The segregated party accounts are for expenses incurred with respect to (1) presidential nominating conventions; (2) party headquarters buildings; and (3) election recounts or contests and other legal proceedings. 52 U.S.C. 30116(a)(9). The segregated party accounts are in addition to any other federal accounts that the committee may lawfully maintain.

FECA and Commission regulations require a political committee to report its receipts and disbursements. 52 U.S.C. 30104(a); 11 CFR 104.3(a) (reporting of receipts), (b) (reporting of disbursements). On February 13, 2015, the Commission issued interim guidance regarding the reporting of the activities of the segregated party accounts. See <https://www.fec.gov/updates/fec-issues-interim-reporting-guidance-for-national-party-committee-accounts/>.

In that guidance the Commission noted that "[a]lthough party committees normally disclose their contributions on

Form 3X, Line 11(a), the Commission[s] forms currently do not provide a clear way to distinguish between contributions deposited into the committees' separate accounts." The guidance instructed committees to report contributions to the three accounts on Line 17 of Form 3X titled "Other Federal Receipts." When itemizing contributions of \$200 or more on Schedule A, the committees were instructed to enter "Convention Account" "Headquarters Account," or "Recount Account," as appropriate, in the description field. The guidance instructed committees to report administrative or operating expenses paid from the accounts on Line 21(b) of Form 3X titled "Other Federal Operating Expenditures" (for expenses paid from a convention or headquarters account) and Line 29 of Form 3X titled "Other Disbursements" (for expenses paid from a recount account). When itemizing disbursements on Schedule B, the committees were instructed to enter "Convention Account," "Headquarters Account," or "Recount Account," as appropriate, in the Purpose of Disbursement field along with the required purpose of the disbursement.¹

The Petition asserts that "each national party committee reports its receipts to and disbursements from the [segregated party] accounts in inconsistent and insufficient ways. As a result, it is effectively impossible for the public to track the large quantities of funds flowing into and out of the accounts." Petition at 2. Further, "[e]very political committee is required to file periodic reports that include the committee's total receipts, total disbursements, and cash-on-hand for the reporting period and election cycle to-date. The national party committees, however, report none of these figures for their [segregated party] accounts." *Id.* The Petition also asserts that "there is no consistent location or terminology that committees use to denote transactions involving the" segregated party accounts. *Id.* at 2-3. As a result, the Petition claims, "there is no simple way for any member of the public—even the most sophisticated users of FEC data—to determine the amounts of money being received into and disbursed from the [segregated party] accounts." Petition at 5. The Petition requests that the Commission "promulgate rules and forms requiring national party committees to delineate within their reports the individual and

¹ Examples provided by the Commission included: "Convention Account—Bookkeeping and Compliance," "Headquarters Account—Carpeting," and "Recount Account—Legal Services."

aggregate transactions involving their [segregated party] accounts." Petition at 6.

The Commission seeks comments on the Petition. The public may inspect the Petition on the Commission's website at <http://sers.fec.gov/fosers/>, or in the Commission's Public Records Office, 1050 First Street NE, 12th Floor, Washington, DC 20463, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Commission will not consider the Petition's merits until after the comment period closes. If the Commission decides that the Petition has merit, it may begin a rulemaking proceeding. The Commission will announce any action that it takes in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: August 22, 2019.

On behalf of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2018-0547; Product Identifier 2017-NM-091-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc., Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Proposed rule; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The FAA is withdrawing a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) that proposed to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) that would have applied to certain Bombardier, Inc., Model DHC-8-400 series airplanes. The NPRM was prompted by reports of wear on fuel couplings, bonding springs, and sleeves as well as fuel tube end ferrules and fuel component end ferrules. The NPRM would have required repetitive inspections of the existing clamshell coupling bonding wires, fuel couplings, and associated sleeves for certain criteria, and replacement as necessary. The NPRM would also have required repetitive inspections of the fuel tube end ferrules, fuel component end ferrules, and ferrule o-ring flanges for damage and wear, and rework as necessary. Since issuance of the NPRM, the FAA determined that more restrictive airworthiness limitations are also necessary, that an

optional terminating modification is appropriate for certain airplanes, and that the NPRM does not adequately address the identified unsafe condition. Accordingly, the NPRM is withdrawn.

DATES: The FAA is withdrawing the proposed rule published July 6, 2018 (83 FR 31488), as of August 28, 2019.

ADDRESSES:

Examining the AD Docket

You may examine the AD docket on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA-2018-0547; or in person at Docket Operations between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this AD action, the regulatory evaluation, any comments received, and other information. The street address for Docket Operations is U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Discussion

The FAA issued an NPRM that proposed to amend 14 CFR part 39 by

adding an AD that would apply to the specified products. The NPRM was published in the **Federal Register** on July 6, 2018 (83 FR 31488). The NPRM was prompted by reports of wear on fuel couplings, bonding springs, and sleeves as well as fuel tube end ferrules and fuel component end ferrules.

The NPRM proposed to require repetitive inspections of the existing clamshell coupling bonding wires, fuel couplings, and associated sleeves for certain criteria, and replacement as necessary. The NPRM also proposed to require repetitive inspections of the fuel tube end ferrules, fuel component end ferrules, and ferrule o-ring flanges for damage and wear, and rework as necessary. The proposed actions were intended to address wear on fuel couplings, bonding springs, and sleeves as well as fuel tube end ferrules and fuel component end ferrules, which could reduce the integrity of the electrical bonding paths through the fuel line and components, and ultimately lead to fuel tank ignition in the event of a lightning strike.

Actions Since the NPRM Was Issued

Since issuance of the NPRM, Bombardier developed a new optional terminating modification for certain Model DHC-8-400 series airplanes and issued associated service information. In addition, the applicability for certain required actions was revised and more restrictive airworthiness limitations related to the identified unsafe condition were developed. In light of

these changes, the FAA is considering further rulemaking.

Withdrawal of the NPRM constitutes only such action and does not preclude the FAA from further rulemaking on this issue, nor does it commit the FAA to any course of action in the future.

FAA's Conclusions

Upon further consideration, the FAA has determined that the NPRM does not adequately address the identified unsafe condition. Accordingly, the NPRM is withdrawn.

Regulatory Findings

Since this action only withdraws an NPRM, it is neither a proposed nor a final rule. This action therefore is not covered under Executive Order 12866, the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

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

The Withdrawal

■ Accordingly, the notice of proposed rulemaking, Docket No. FAA-2018-0547, which was published in the **Federal Register** on July 6, 2018 (83 FR 31488), is withdrawn.

Issued in Des Moines, Washington, on August 22, 2019.

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