

Sections of the FAR Affected:

14 CFR 61.77(a).

Description of Relief Sought:

To permit Airbus to obtain special purpose pilot authorizations for 50 of its pilots to ferry newly manufactured U.S.-registered aircraft from France and Germany to the United States for delivery to a U.S. airline. The pilots will not be carrying persons or property for hire on these new aircraft.

Docket No.: 29363.*Petitioner:* Charter Fleet International.*Sections of the FAR Affected:*

14 CFR 135.299(a).

Description of Relief Sought:

To permit CFI pilots to accomplish a line operational evaluation in a Level C or Level D flight simulator in lieu of a line check in an aircraft.

Docket No.: 29361.*Petitioner:* Columbia Helicopters, Inc. (CHI).*Sections of the FAR Affected:*

14 CFR 135.152(a).

Description of Relief Sought:

To permit CHI to operate 5 Boeing Chinook Model BV-234 and 12 Boeing/Kawasaki Vertol 107 Model BV/KV-107-II helicopters under part 135 without a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)-approved digital flight data recorder installed in each aircraft.

Docket No.: 26297.*Petitioner:* Fairchild Aircraft Incorporated.*Sections of the FAR Affected:*

14 CFR 91.531(a)(3).

Description of Relief Sought:

To permit Fairchild to continue to allow its type-rated company pilots to conduct production and experimental test flights in SA227-CC and SA227-DC Metro 23 airplanes without a pilot designated as second in command (SIC). It also would continue to permit all operators of Fairchild commuter category airplanes (SA227-CC, SA227-DC, and other airplanes on the same type certificate) to conduct flight operations without a designated SIC pilot, provided the airplane is type certificated for single-pilot operations and is carrying nine or fewer passengers.

Docket No.: 29353.*Petitioner:* The Air Group, Inc. (AGI).*Sections of the FAR Affected:*

14 CFR 135.299(a).

Description of Relief Sought:

To permit AGI pilots to accomplish a line operational evaluation in a Level C or Level D flight simulator in lieu of a line check in an aircraft.

Docket No.: 28732.*Petitioner:* Counsel for Vieques Air Link, Inc.*Sections of the FAR Affected:*

14 CFR 121.356 and 121.591 through 121.713.

Description of Relief Sought:

To permit Vieques to operate its Britten-Norman BN-2A Mark III Tri-Islander aircraft in scheduled operations without a traffic alert and collision avoidance system installed on those aircraft and without meeting the dispatching and flight release requirements set forth in subparts U and V of part 121.

Dispositions of Petitions*Docket No.:* 28673.*Petitioner:* Counsel for the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Blatt, Hammesfahr & Eaton.*Sections of the FAR Affected:*

14 CFR 91.315, 119.5(g), and 119.21(a).

Description of Relief Sought/Disposition:

To permit EAA to operate its B-17, which holds a limited airworthiness certificate, for the purpose of carrying its members for compensation or hire in its former military vintage airplane.

Disposition, Date, Exemption No.

GRANT, October 30, 1998, Exemption No. 6541A.

Docket No.: 26710.*Petitioner:* Skydive DeLand, Inc.*Sections of the FAR Affected:*

14 CFR 105.43(a).

Description of Relief Sought/Disposition:

To permit Skydive to allow nonstudent parachutists who are foreign nationals to participate in parachute jumping events sponsored by Skydive without complying with the parachute equipment and packing requirements.

Disposition, Date, Exemption No.:

GRANT, October 30, 1998, Exemption No. 5542C.

Docket No.: 29216.*Petitioner:* Mid East Jet, Inc.*Sections of the FAR Affected:*

14 CFR 25.813(e).

Description of Relief Sought/Disposition:

To permit installation of interior doors between passenger compartments on a Boeing 757-200 series airplane.

Disposition, Date, Exemption No.

Partial Grant, October 19, 1998, Exemption No. 6834.

Docket No.: 28696.*Petitioner:* Federal Express.*Sections of the FAR Affected:*

14 CFR 25.1423(c).

*Description of Relief Sought/Disposition:**Disposition, Date, Exemption No.*

Partial Grant, August 28, 1998, Exemption No. 6652A.

Correction to: Partial Grant and Exemption No.

Docket No.: 29224.*Petitioner:* Bombardier Aerospace.*Sections of the FAR Affected:*

14 CFR C36.3(c).

Description of Relief Sought/Disposition:

To permit the sideline noise certification requirement for Bombardier de Havilland Canada DHC-8 Dash 8 Series 400 airplane to be demonstrated based on the requirement contained in section 3.3.1(a)(2) of Volume 1, Chapter 3 of Annex 16 (Amendment 5) to the Convention on International Civil Aviation (ICAO).

Disposition, Date, Exemption No.

GRANT, October 19, 1998, Exemption No. 6833.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****RTCA; Certification Task Force**

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given that the next plenary meeting of the RTCA Certification Task Force will be held December 2, 1998, starting at 9:00 a.m., at RTCA, 1140 Connecticut Avenue NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC. This task force is reviewing the "end-to-end" certification of advanced avionics systems and, keeping safety as a first priority, developing recommendations for improving the timeliness and reducing the costs of certification.

This meeting agenda will include: (1) Welcome and Introductory Remarks by Task Force Co-chairs Mr. Tony Broderick (former FAA associate administrator and now consultant to Airbus and Mr. Ed Stimpson (General Aviation Manufacturers Association); (2) Task Force Working Group Presentations. The presentations will focus on initial observations and will outline initial recommendations. Time will be allocated for questions, answers, and general discussion.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the co-chairmen, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact RTCA at (202) 833-9339 (phone), (202) 833-9434 (fax), or dclarke@rtca/org (e-mail). Members of the public may present a

written statement to the committee at any time.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 16, 1998.

Janice L. Peters,

Designated Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of intent to rule on application 99-04-C-00-DBQ to Impose and Use the Revenue from a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Dubuque Regional Airport, Dubuque, Iowa

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, (FAA) DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to rule on application.

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Dubuque Regional Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L. 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 21, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Federal Aviation Administration, Central Region, Airports Division, 601 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, MO 64106.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Kenneth J. Kraemer, A.A.E., Airport Manager, Dubuque Regional Airport, at the following address: 11000 Airport Road, Dubuque, IA 52003.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the Dubuque Airport Commission, Dubuque Regional Airport, under section 158.23 of Part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lorna Sandridge, PFC Program Manager, FAA, Central Region, 601 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, MO 64106, (816) 426-4730. The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at the

Dubuque Regional Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L. 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

On November 6, 1998, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by the Dubuque Airport Commission, Dubuque, Iowa, was substantially complete within the requirements of section 158.25 of Part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than February 20, 1999.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

Level of the proposed PFC: \$3.00.

Proposed charge effective date: September, 1999.

Proposed charge expiration date: March, 2001.

Total estimated PFC revenue: \$171,391.

Brief description of proposed project(s): Replace a Quick Response Vehicle; Environmental Assessment for Runway 18/36 Extension; Acquire Land for Runway 18/36 Extension; and Engineering and Grading for Runway 18/36 Extension (Phase 1).

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the Dubuque Regional Airport.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri on November 6, 1998.

George A. Hendon,

Manager, Airports Division Central Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. MC-F-20931, et. al.]¹

Coach USA, Inc., and Coach USA North Central, Inc.—Control—Nine Motor Passenger Carriers; Notice Tentatively Approving Finance Transactions

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice tentatively approving finance transactions.

SUMMARY: Coach USA, Inc. (Coach), a noncarrier, and its wholly owned noncarrier subsidiaries, Coach USA North Central, Inc. (North Central), Coach USA Northeast, Inc. (Northeast), Coach USA South Central, Inc. (South Central), Coach USA Southeast, Inc. (Southeast), Coach USA West, Inc. (West), and Yellow Cab Service Corporation (Yellow Cab Service) (collectively, the subsidiaries), filed applications under 49 U.S.C. 14303 for the subsidiaries to acquire direct control of motor passenger carriers that are currently controlled by Coach or are subject to pending applications for control. The control applications that are the subject of this notice are in furtherance of an internal corporate reorganization plan by Coach. Persons wishing to oppose the applications must follow the rules under 49 CFR 1182.5 and 1182.8.² The Board has tentatively approved the transactions, and, if no opposing comments are timely filed, this notice will be the final Board action.

DATES: Comments must be filed by January 4, 1999. Applicants may file a reply by January 19, 1999. If no comments are filed by January 4, 1999, this notice is effective on that date.

ADDRESSES: Send an original and 10 copies of any comments referring to STB Docket No. MC-F-20931, et al. to: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, send one copy of comments to applicants' representatives: Betty Jo Christian and David H. Coburn, Steptoe & Johnson LLP, 1330 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beryl Gordon, (202) 565-1600. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 565-1695.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: With the growth in the number of Coach-controlled carriers, Coach has determined that it can best maintain and improve the management of its controlled operating carriers, and promote the future growth of Coach, by establishing noncarrier subsidiaries, organized primarily on a regional basis,³

¹ These proceedings are not consolidated. A single decision is being issued for administrative convenience.

² Revised procedures governing finance applications filed under 49 U.S.C. 14303 were adopted in *Revisions to Regulations Governing Finance Applications Involving Motor Passenger Carriers*, STB Ex Parte No. 559 (STB served Sept. 1, 1998).

³ Yellow Cab Service is the exception. It will control those operating carriers that focus their services on premium, taxicab, and other specialized transportation services, rather than carriers in a specific region of the country.