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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

7 CFR Part 1703

RIN 0572-AB31

Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loan and Grant Program

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is proposing an amendment to its regulations for its Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Loan and Grant Program. These proposed amendments will clarify the requirements for the different types of financial assistance offered; streamline policies and procedures for obtaining loans and expanding the purposes for which loan funds can be used; and award grants on a competitive basis.

In the final rules section of the **Federal Register**, RUS is publishing this action as a direct final rule without prior proposal because RUS views this as a non-controversial action and anticipates no adverse comments. If no adverse comments are received in response to the direct final rule, no further action will be taken on this proposed rule and the action will become effective at the time specified in the direct final rule. If RUS receives adverse comments or notice of intent to submit adverse comments, a document will be published in the **Federal Register** withdrawing the direct final rule and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments on this proposed rule must be received by April 26, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Submit any written comments or notice of intent to submit adverse comments to Roberta D. Purcell, Assistant Administrator, Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence

Ave., SW., STOP 1590, Room 4056, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1590. RUS requires a signed original and three copies of all comments (7 CFR part 1700). All comments received will be made available for public inspection at room 4056, South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (7 CFR part 1.27(b)). Telephone number (202) 720-9554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jonathan P. Claffey, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., STOP 1590, Room 4056, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1590. Telephone number (202) 720-9556.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See supplementary Information provided in the direct final rule located in the final rules section of the **Federal Register** for applicable supplementary information on this section.

Dated: March 16, 1999.

Jill Long Thompson,

Under Secretary, Rural Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 23

[Docket No. CE149; Notice No. 23-98-05-SC]

Special Conditions: Soloy Corporation Model Pathfinder 21 Airplane; Airframe

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed special conditions.

SUMMARY: This notice proposes special conditions for the Soloy Corporation Model Pathfinder 21 airplane. The Model Pathfinder 21 airplane is a Cessna Model 208B airplane as modified by Soloy Corporation to be considered as a multiengine, part 23, normal category airplane. The Model Pathfinder 21 airplane will have a novel or unusual design feature associated with installation of the Soloy Dual Pac propulsion system, which consists of two Pratt & Whitney Canada Model PT6D-114A turboprop engines driving a

single, Hartzell, five-blade propeller. The applicable airworthiness regulations do not contain adequate or appropriate safety standards for this design feature. These proposed special conditions contain the additional safety standards for this design feature. These proposed special conditions contain the additional safety standards that the Administrator considers necessary to establish a level of safety equivalent to that established by the existing airworthiness standards for multiengine airplanes.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 26, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this proposal may be mailed in duplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Regional Counsel, ACE-7, Attention: Rules Docket, Docket No. CE149, 601 East 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106, or delivered in duplicate to the Regional Counsel at the above address.

Comments must be marked: Docket No. CE149. Comments may be inspected in the Rules Docket weekdays, except Federal holidays, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Keenan, Federal Aviation Administration, Aircraft Certification Service, Small Airplane Directorate, ACE-112, 601 East 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 816-426-5688, fax 816-426-2169.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to participate in the making of these proposed special conditions by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Communications should identify the regulatory docket or notice number and be submitted in duplicate to the address specified above. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments will be considered by the Administrator. The proposals described in this notice may be changed in light of the comments received. All comments received will be available in the Rules Docket for examination by interested persons, both before and after the closing date for comments. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerning this rulemaking will be filed in the docket. Persons wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments