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Disposition of Petitions

Docket No.: 26158

Petitioner: Everett W. Morris

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 121

Description of Rulechange Sought: To add a new section that would require that each large turbine-powered airplane be equipped with a takeoff warning system that meets the requirements of 14 CFR § 25.703.

Petitioner's Reason for the Request: The petitioner feels amending the operating rule can provide an earlier required compliance date, thus reducing the probability of future accidents caused by improper configuration of the airplane. *Denial;* November 15, 1996

Docket No.: 27371

Petitioner: Homeowners of Encino

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 91.119(d)

Description of Rulechange Sought: To limit helicopter operations below the minimum altitudes prescribed in § 91.119 (b) and (c) except for helicopters operated by any municipal, county, State, or Federal authority for emergency services, rescue operations, or police or fire protection.

Petitioner's Reason for the Request: The petitioner feels that the petition for reconsideration of a previous denial of petition for rulemaking was justified in that the FAA failed to make a reasonable determination of the facts and issues in the original petition for rulemaking. *Denial;* October 31, 1996

Docket No.: 27803

Petitioner: Air Transportation

Association of America

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 121, 135, and 145

Description of Rulechange Sought: To establish regulations requiring quality/inspection systems for all aircraft parts distributors, suppliers, sellers, brokers, and surplus dealers.

Petitioner's Reason for the Request: The petitioner feels that it is imperative that every step possible be taken to ensure no opportunity is available to introduce an unapproved part into the parts distribution/supply system and there must be regulations which help deter and remove unethical organizations from the aircraft parts business. *Denial;* November 25, 1996.

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14 CFR Parts 91, 121, 127, and 135

[Docket No. 28577; Notice No. 96-4]

RIN 2120-AG11

Special Flight Rules in the Vicinity of the Rocky Mountain National Park

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Proposed rule; supplemental notice of availability and opportunity for comment.

SUMMARY: A notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) relating to special flight rules in the vicinity of the Rocky Mountain National Park was published on May 15, 1996. This document announces the availability for public comment of recently submitted information from the Department of Interior (DOI). This submission contains information concerning the commercial air tour overflight operations in a sample of National Parks.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 23, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this NPRM should be mailed, in triplicate to Federal Aviation Administration, Office of the Chief Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket (AGC-200), Docket No. 28577, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. Comments may also be sent electronically to the Rules Docket by using the following Internet address: nprmcmts@mail.hq.faa.gov. Comments must be marked Docket No. 28577. Comments may be examined in the Rules Docket Room 915G on weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., except on Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Neil Saunders, Airspace and Rules Division, ATA-400, Airspace Management Service, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone: 202-267-8783.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Notice No. 96-4 was placed on immediate display at the Federal Register on May 10, 1996, and published on May 15, 1996 (61 FR 24852). A correction document was published on July 23, 1996 (61 FR 38119) extending the comment period to August 19, 1996. Notice No. 96-4 proposed several methods of preserving the natural park experience of Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP) by restricting aircraft-based sightseeing flights. The NPRM indicated that the FAA would select a viable alternative based on comments received and other

pertinent information and identify a proposed alternative for final rulemaking. The comment period closed on August 19, 1996.

Following the closing date of the comment period, the FAA prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) that evaluates various alternatives for addressing potential aviation noise issues at RMNP. The FAA found that it would be in the public interest to reopen the comment period to allow interested persons the opportunity to comment on the Draft EA. Consequently, on November 21, 1996, the FAA announced the availability of the Draft EA and reopened the comment period through December 23, 1996 (61 FR 5909). In addition, certain RMNP sound level data submitted by DOI also was made available for comment.

Availability of Information

The DOI has recently submitted information to the Department of Transportation regarding the effects of commercial air tour overflight operations in a sample of National Parks. The FAA finds that it is in the public interest to provide the opportunity to comment on this information. Accordingly, the DOI submission is being made available in the Docket for public comment.

On April 22, 1996, the President of the United States established priorities concerning the overflights of National Parks by aircraft. Addressing the potential impacts of overflights of Rocky Mountain National Park is one of these priorities. In view of the brevity of this material and the importance of completing this rulemaking in a timely manner, the FAA finds that good cause exists for providing less than 30 days comment on this material.

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Harold W. Becker,

Acting Program Director for Air Traffic,
Airspace Management.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

17 CFR Chapter II

[Release Nos. 33-7350, 34-37769, 35-26584, 39-2342, IC-22256, IA-1590; File No. S7-25-96]

Regulatory Flexibility Agenda; Correction

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission.

ACTION: Semiannual regulatory agenda; Correction.

SUMMARY: FR Document No. 96-26278, beginning on page 63548 in the unified agenda published in the Federal Register of Friday, November 29, 1996, the Release Nos. were incorrect and should be as set forth above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frances R. Sienkiewicz, Office of the Secretary, (202) 942-7072.

Dated: December 5, 1996.

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 96-197; DA 96-2036]

Newspaper/Radio Cross-Ownership Waiver Policy

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice of inquiry; extension of comment and reply comment period.

SUMMARY: This action extends the deadline for filing comments and reply comments to the Notice of Inquiry in the above-cited docket. It is taken in response to requests to extend the comment and reply comment period made by the law firm of Haley Bader & Potts. The intended effect of this action is to allow the parties to the proceeding to have additional time in which to file comments and reply comments.

DATES: Comments are due on or before February 7, 1997, and reply comments are due on or before March 7, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roger Holberg (202-418-2130) or Charles Logan (202-418-2130), Mass Media Bureau.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the *Order* granting an extension of time for filing comments and reply comments in MM Docket No. 96-197, DA 96-2036, adopted December 5, 1996, and released December 5, 1996. The complete text of this *Order* is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., and also may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service,

(202) 857-3800, 2100 M Street, N.W., Suite 140, Washington, DC 20037.

Synopsis of Order Granting Extension of Time for Filing Comments

1. On October 1, 1996, the Commission adopted a *Notice of Inquiry* ("NOI") in this proceeding, 61 FR 53694, October 15, 1996, regarding its policy for waiving the newspaper/radio cross ownership restriction set forth in Section 73.3555(d) of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR 73.3555(d). The NOI invited comment on a variety of questions related to possible revisions to the Commission's current waiver policy. Comments were due to be filed by December 9, 1996, and reply comments by January 8, 1997.

2. On November 7, 1996, the Commission released three notices of proposed rule making concerning (1) the broadcast attribution rules, which define what constitutes a "cognizable interest" in applying the broadcast multiple ownership rules, *Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making* in MM Docket Nos. 94-150/92-51/87-154, FCC 96-436 ("FNPRM"); (2) the local television ownership rules, including the television duopoly rule and the radio-television cross-ownership rule, *Second Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making* in MM Docket Nos. 91-221/87-8, FCC 96-438 ("FNPRM"); and (3) the national television ownership rule, *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* in MM Docket Nos. 96-222/91-221/87-8, FCC 96-437. The comment date established for each of these three rulemaking proceedings is February 7, 1997, and the due date for reply comments is March 7, 1997.

3. On November 27, 1996, the law firm of Haley Bader & Potts filed a *Request For Extension Of Comment Date* ("Request") to extend the comment and reply comment deadlines in connection with the NOI in MM Docket No. 96-197 to February 7, 1997 and March 7, 1997, respectively. In support of its Request, Haley Bader & Potts asserts that the above-referenced rule makings raise issues that are strongly related to those raised in the NOI. We are mindful that § 1.46 of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR 1.46, articulates a Commission policy that extensions of time for filing comments in rule making proceedings are not to be routinely granted. Nevertheless, we find that good cause exists for granting the requested extension of the comment and reply comment deadlines. As Haley, Bader & Potts points out, the issues raised by the FNPRM are relevant to the newspaper/radio cross-ownership rule in that the attribution rules define what constitutes a cognizable ownership

interest in a radio station or daily newspaper. In addition, many of the same competition and diversity concerns that underlie the newspaper/radio cross-ownership restriction are also raised in our examination of the television duopoly rule and radio-television cross-ownership rule. Given the similarity of the issues raised in the NOI and the three rulemaking proceedings, we believe it is appropriate that they share the same comment and reply comment deadlines. This will enable interested parties to submit more complete comments regarding the interrelated issues raised by these separate proceedings. This, in turn, will result in a more comprehensive record for the Commission to consider in assessing whether to revise its newspaper/radio cross-ownership waiver policy as well as its broadcast attribution and television ownership rules.

4. Accordingly, *it is ordered* that the request filed by Haley Bader & Potts for an extension of time in which to file comments and reply comments in response to the *Notice of Inquiry* in MM Docket 96-197 *is granted*.

5. *It is further ordered*, that the time for filing comments in the above-captioned proceeding *is extended* to February 7, 1997, and the time for filing reply comments *is extended* to March 7, 1997.

6. This action is taken pursuant to authority found in Sections 4(i) and 303(r) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 154(i) and 303(r), and Sections 0.204(b), 0.283, and 1.45 of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR 0.204(b), 0.283, and 1.45.

Federal Communications Commission.

Roy J. Stewart,

Chief, Mass Media Bureau.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 648

[Docket No. 961126330-6330-01; I.D. 110796H]

RIN 0648-XX72

Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; 1997 Specifications

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and