

not issue an order finding that Edelweiss Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Edelweiss Air d/b/a Rio Grande Air is fit, willing, and able to conduct scheduled passenger operations as a commuter air carrier.

DATES: Persons wishing to file objections should do so no later than December 22, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Objections and answers to objections should be filed with the Air Carrier Fitness Division, X-56, Room 6401, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590 and should be served upon the parties listed in Attachment A to the order.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Janet A. Davis, Air Carrier Fitness Division (X-56, Room 6401), U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-9721.

Dated: December 8, 1998.

Patrick V. Murphy,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-1998-4860]

Random Drug Testing Rate for Covered Crewmembers

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Announcement of minimum random drug testing rate.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has set the 1999 minimum random drug testing rate at 50 percent of covered crewmembers. Based on an evaluation of the 1997 Management Information System (MIS) data collection forms submitted by marine employers, we determined that random drug testing on covered crewmembers for the calendar year 1997 resulted in positive test results 1.59 percent of the time. Based on this percentage, we will maintain the minimum random drug testing rate at 50 percent of covered crewmembers for the calendar year 1999.

DATES: Effective January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about this notice, please contact Lieutenant Jennifer Williams, Project Manager, Office of Investigations and Analysis (G-MOA), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, telephone 202-267-0686.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Coast Guard regulations in Title 46 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 16.230 require marine employers to establish random drug testing programs for covered crewmembers on inspected and uninspected vessels. All marine employers are required to collect and maintain a record of drug testing program data for each calendar year, January 1 to December 31. Marine employers must submit this data to the Coast Guard in an annual MIS report (Form CG-5573 found in Appendix B of Part 16). Marine employers may either submit their own MIS report or have a consortium or other employer representative submit the data in a consolidated MIS report. The chemical drug testing data is essential to analyze our current approach for deterring and detecting illegal drug abuse in the maritime industry.

Since 1997 MIS data indicates that the positive random testing rate is greater than one percent industry-wide (1.59 percent), the Coast Guard announces in accordance with 46 CFR 16.230(e), that the minimum random drug testing rate is set at 50 percent of covered employees for the period of January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999.

MIS reports are due to the United States Coast Guard, Commandant (G-MOA), 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC, 20593-0001, not later than March 15 of each calendar year. Each year we will publish a notice reporting the results of the previous calendar year's MIS data, and the minimum annual percentage rate for random drug testing for the next calendar year.

Dated: December 7, 1998.

J.P. High,

Acting Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-98-24]

Petitions for Exemption; Summary of Petitions Received; Dispositions of Petitions Issued

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of petitions for exemption received and of dispositions of prior petitions.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions

for exemption (14 CFR Part 11), this notice contains a summary of certain petitions seeking relief from specified requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Chapter I), dispositions of certain petitions previously received, and corrections. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of any petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on petitions received must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before January 4, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on any petition in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Office of the Chief Counsel, Attn: Rule Docket (AGC-200), Petition Docket No. _____, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20591.

Comments may also be sent electronically to the following internet address: 9-NPRM-CMTS@faa.gov.

The petition, any comments received, and a copy of any final disposition are filed in the assigned regulatory docket and are available for examination in the Rules Docket (AGC-200), Room 915G, FAA Headquarters Building (FOB 10A), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20591; telephone (202) 267-3132.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Eichelberger (202) 267-7470 or Terry Stubblefield (202) 267-7624, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-1), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20591.

This notice is published pursuant to paragraphs (c), (e), and (g) of § 11.27 of Part 11 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 11).

Issued in Washington, D.C., on December 8, 1998.

Donald P. Byrne,

Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations.

Dispositions of Petitions

Docket No.: 26048.

Petitioner: National Test Pilot School.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 91.319(a)(1) and (2).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit National Test Pilot School to operate aircraft that have experimental certificates to train flight test students who are pilots and flight engineers through the demonstration and practice of flight test techniques and to teach those students flight test

data acquisition methods for compensation.

Grant, November 23, 1998, Exemption No. 5778D

Docket No.: 22690.

Petitioner: Boeing Commercial Airplane Group.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 61.57(c) and (d).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To allow Boeing pilots employed as crewmembers to continue to use any type of Boeing airplane or a Level B, C, or D simulator to meet the recent takeoff and landing flight experience requirements

Grant, November 20, 1998, Exemption No. 6843

Docket No.: 29275.

Petitioner: Kodiak Expediting, Inc., dba Sallery Lake Lodge.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 61.133(b)(1).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit Sallery Lake Lodge to conduct passenger-carrying operations on cross-country flights in excess of 50 nautical miles (nm) without Mr. Billy Franklin, owner, holding instrument rating in the same category and class of aircraft listed on your commercial pilot certificate.

Denial, November 20, 1998, Exemption No. 6842

Docket No.: 29166.

Petitioner: Roger Aviation Company.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 142.15(d).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit Roger Aviation to apply for a part 142 certificate using a Frasca 242 flight training device (FTD) as its minimum flight training equipment without the FTD meeting the requirements of an advanced FTD.

Denial, November 18, 1998, Exemption No. 6841.

Docket No.: 29212.

Petitioner: Comair Aviation Academy.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 141.

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit Comair to allow its students to add a single-engine airplane rating to a commercial pilot certificate with a multiengine rating, or add a multiengine airplane rating to a commercial pilot certificate with single-engine rating, without accomplishing the flight-training requirements set forth in appendix D.

Denial, December 3, 1998, Exemption No. 6844

Docket No.: 25210.

Petitioner: Air Transport Association of America.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 63.39(b)(1) and (2) and 121.425(a)(2)(i) and (ii).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit member airlines of the Air Transport Association of America (ATA) and other qualifying part 121 certificate holders to meet the qualification requirements of 121.425(a)(2)(i) and (ii).

Grant, November 23, 1998, Exemption No. 4901F

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent To Rule on PFC Application 99-05-C-00-MFR To Impose and Use the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Rogue Valley International—Medford; Submitted by Jackson County, Oregon

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 Rogue Valley International—Medford under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 40117 and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 13, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: J. Wade Bryant, Manager; Seattle Airports District Office, SEA-ADO; Federal Aviation Administration; 1601 Lind Avenue SW, Suite 250; Renton, WA 98055-4056

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Bern E. Case, A.A.E., Airport Director, at the following address; Jackson County, Oregon, Rogue Valley International—Medford, 3650 Biddle Road, Medford, OR 97504.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to Rogue Valley International—Medford under section 158.23 of Part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ms. Mary Vargas, (425) 227-2660; Seattle Airports District Office, SEA-

ADO; Federal Aviation Administration; 1601 Lind Avenue SW, Suite 250; Renton, Washington 98055-4056. 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 99-05-C-00-MFR to impose and use, the revenue from a PFC at Rogue Valley International—Medford, under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 40117 and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

On December 7, 1998, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by Jackson County, Oregon, 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 March 9, 1999.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

Level of the proposed PFC: \$3.00.

Proposed charge effective date: June 1, 2003.

Proposed charge expiration date: February 1, 2006.

Total estimated net PFC revenue: \$1,583,000.

Brief description of proposed project(s): Runway Lighting; Airport Emergency Generator; Runway 14-32 Rehabilitation; and Security Access System (FAR Part 107).

Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFCs: Operations by air taxi/commercial operators when enplaning revenue passengers in limited, irregular, special service air taxi/commercial operations such as air ambulance service, student instruction, non-stop sightseeing flights that begin and end at the airport and are concluded within a 25-mile radius of the airport.

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** and at the FAA Regional Airports Office located at: Federal Aviation Administration, Northwest Mountain Region, Airports Division, ANM-600, 1601 Lind Avenue S.W., Suite 315, Renton, WA 98055-4056.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at Rogue Valley International—Medford.