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The interest rates are:

| | Percent |
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| For Physical Damage: | |
| HOMEOWNERS WITH CREDIT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE | 7.500 |
| HOMEOWNERS WITHOUT CREDIT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE | 3.750 |
| BUSINESSES WITH CREDIT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE | 8.000 |
| BUSINESSES AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WITHOUT CREDIT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE | 4.000 |
| OTHERS (INCLUDING NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS) WITH CREDIT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE | 6.750 |
| For Economic Injury: | |
| BUSINESSES AND SMALL AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES WITHOUT CREDIT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE | 4.000 |

The numbers assigned to this disaster are 323006 for physical damage and 9G1900 for economic injury.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: December 14, 1999.

Aida Alvarez,
Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Interest Rates

The Small Business Administration publishes an interest rate called the optional “peg” rate (13 CFR 120.214) on a quarterly basis. This rate is a weighted average cost of money to the government for maturities similar to the average SBA direct loan. This rate may be used as a base rate for guaranteed fluctuating interest rate SBA loans. This rate will be 6.250 (6¼) percent for the January–March quarter of FY 2000.

Arnold S. Rosenthal,

Acting Deputy Associate Administrator for Financial Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG–1999–6684]

Navigation Safety Advisory Council; Vacancies

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard seeks applications for membership on the Navigation Safety Advisory Council (NAVSAC). NAVSAC advises the Coast Guard on the prevention of vessel collision, rammings, and groundings; Inland Rules of the Road; International Rules of the Road; navigation regulations and equipment; routing

measures; marine information; diving safety; and aids to navigation systems.

DATES: Application forms should reach us on or before February 18, 2000.

ADDRESSES: You may request an application form by writing to Commandant (G–MW), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593–0001; by calling 202–267–6164; by faxing 202–267–4700; or by e-mail jshort@comdt.uscg.mil. Send your application in written form to the above street address. This notice and the application form are available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Margie Hegy, Executive Director of NAVSAC at (202) 267–0415, fax (202) 267–4700.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Navigation Safety Advisory Council (NAVSAC) is a Federal advisory committee under 5 U.S.C. App. 2. It advises the Secretary of Transportation, via the Commandant of the Coast Guard, on the prevention of vessel collisions, rammings, and groundings; Inland Rules of the Road; International Rules of the Road; navigation regulations and equipment; routing measures; marine information; diving safety; and aids to navigation systems.

NAVSAC meets at least twice a year at various locations in the continental United States. It may also meet for extraordinary purposes. Its subcommittees and working groups may meet to consider specific problems as required.

We will consider applications for seven positions that expire or become vacant in June 2000. To be eligible, you should have experience in the above mentioned subject areas. To assure balanced representation of subject matter expertise, members are chosen, insofar as practical, from the following groups: (1) Recognized experts and leaders in organizations having an active interest in the Rules of the Road and vessel and port safety; (2) representatives of owners and operators of vessels, professional mariners, recreational boaters, and the

recreational boating industry; (3) individuals with an interest in maritime law; and (4) Federal and State officials with responsibility for vessel and port safety. Each member serves for a term of 3 years. A few members may serve consecutive terms. All members serve without compensation from the Federal Government, although travel reimbursement and per diem may be provided.

In support of the policy of the Department of Transportation on gender and ethnic diversity, we encourage qualified women and members of minority groups of apply.

If you are selected, we may require you to complete a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (OGE Form 450). We may not release the report or the information in it to the public, except under an order issued by a Federal court or as otherwise provided under the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a).

Dated: December 15, 1999.

R.C. North,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE–99–45]

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 Ch. 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 17, 2000.

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, DC 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, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267-3132.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cherie Jack (202) 267-7271 or Vanessa Wilkins (202) 267-8029 Office of Rulemaking (ARM-1), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 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 20, 1999.

Donald P. Byrne,

Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations.

Petitions for Exemption

Docket No.: 29745.

Petitioner: C&S Aviation, Limited.

Section of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 135.25(b) and (c).

Description of Relief Sought: To permit C&S to operate under part 135 without having exclusive use of at least one aircraft that meets the requirements for at least one kind of operation authorized by C&S's operations specifications.

Docket No.: 29742.

Petitioner: National Airlines, Inc.

Section of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR section V.B of appendix I of part 121.

Description of Relief Sought: To permit National employees who perform a safety-sensitive function and who are required to undergo a medical examination under 14 CFR part 67 to be excluded from periodic drug testing.

Dispositions of Petitions

Docket No.: 25233.

Petitioner: Alaska Air Carriers Association.

Section of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 121.709(b)(3) and 135.443(b)(3).

Description of Relief Sought/Disposition: To permit certificated and appropriately trained pilots employed by an AACA-member airline to remove and reinstall passenger seats in aircraft type certificated for 10 to 19 passenger seats used by that AACA-member airline in operations conducted under part 121 or part 135 and permit those pilots to make required logbook entries. *Grant, 10/20/99, Exemption No. 7048.*

Docket No.: 27819.

Petitioner: Celsius Aerotech, Inc. formerly known as FFV Aerotech, Inc.

Section of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 145.45(f).

Description of Relief Sought/Disposition: To permit Celsius to establish and maintain a number of fixed locations within Celsius for the repair station Inspection Procedures Manual (IPM) and to assign IPM's to key individuals within departments. *Grant, 7/29/99, Exemption No. 6657B.*

Docket No.: 29761.

Petitioner: Champion Air.

Section of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 121.344(b)(3).

Description of Relief Sought/Disposition: To permit Champion to operate two Boeing 727-200 (B-727-200) airplanes (Registration Nos. N292AS and N295AS; Serial Nos. 21458 and 22147, respectively) without installing, in each airplane, the required digital flight data recorder (DFDR) upgrade until 90 days after the completion of the first heavy maintenance check after August 18, 1999, for each airplane. The two B-727-200 airplanes are scheduled to complete heavy maintenance checks on September 26, 1999, and October 1, 1999, respectively. *Grant, 10/1/99, Exemption No. 7014.*

Docket No.: 29790.

Petitioner: Red Baron Stearman Squadron.

Section of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 135.251, 135.255, 135.353, and appendices I and J of part 121.

Description of Relief Sought/Disposition: To allow Red Baron to conduct a local sightseeing flight for a charity auction on October 6, 1999, for

compensation or hire, without complying with certain anti-drug and alcohol misuse prevention requirements of part 135. *Grant, 10/6/99, Exemption No. 7025.*

Docket No.: 29758.

Petitioner: Taunton Airport Association, Inc.

Section of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 135.251, 135.255, 135.353, and appendices I and J of part 121.

Description of Relief Sought/Disposition: To allow the TAA to conduct local sightseeing flights at the Taunton Municipal Airport for the seventh annual TAA charity fundraising event on October 16, 1999, for compensation or hire, without complying with certain anti-drug and alcohol misuse prevention requirements of part 135. *Grant, 10/7/99, Exemption No. 7030.*

Docket No.: 29807.

Petitioner: Denmark Volunteer Fire Department and Fryeburg Aviation.

Section of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 135.251, 135.255, 135.353, and appendices I and J of part 121.

Description of Relief Sought/Disposition: To allow Fryeburg Aviation to conduct local sightseeing flights at the Eastern Slope Regional Airport for the annual Denmark Volunteer Fire Department charity airlift on October 16, 1999, with a raindate of October 17, 1999, for compensation or hire, without complying with certain anti-drug and alcohol misuse prevention requirements of part 135. *Grant, 10/15/99, Exemption No. 7039.*

Docket No.: 29656.

Petitioner: Marvin S. Weinreb.

Section of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 135.251, 135.255, 135.353, and appendices I and J of part 121.

Description of Relief Sought/Disposition: To allow Marvin S. Weinreb to conduct local sightseeing flights to raise funds for tax-exempt charities in his local area, for compensation or hire, without complying with certain anti-drug and alcohol misuse prevention requirements of part 135. *Grant, 10/14/99, Exemption No. 7043.*

Docket No.: 29668.

Petitioner: Jet Solutions, L.L.C.

Section of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 135.143(c)(2).

Description of Relief Sought/Disposition: To permit Jet Solutions to operate certain aircraft under part 135 without a TSO-C112 (Mode S) transponder installed in the aircraft. *Grant, 10/14/99, Exemption No. 7045.*

Docket No.: 28289.

Petitioner: Carver Aero, Inc.

Section of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 135.143(c)(2).

Description of Relief Sought/
Disposition: To allow Carver to continue to operate certain aircraft under part 135 without a TSO-C112 (Mode S) transponder installed in each aircraft. *Grant, 10/14/99, Exemption No. 6229B.*

Docket No.: 29611.

Petitioner: Kent State University Flight Operations.

Section of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 135.251, 135.255, 135.353, and appendices I and J of part 121.

Description of Relief Sought/
Disposition: To allow the Kent State University Flying Club and the Kent State University Intercollegiate Flight Team to conduct local sightseeing flights for Homecoming activities on October 16, 1999, for compensation or hire, without complying with certain anti-drug and alcohol misuse prevention requirements of part 135. *Grant, 10/15/99, Exemption No. 7038.*

Docket No.: 29414.

Petitioner: North American Airlines.

Section of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 121.383(c).

Description of Relief Sought/
Disposition: To permit pilots of North American Airlines (NAA) to act as pilots in supplemental operations conducted under part 121 after reaching their 60th birthday. *Denial, 9/3/99, Exemption No. 7037.*

Docket No.: 29748.

Petitioner: Gortner Pilots Association.

Section of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 135.251, 135.255, 135.353, and appendices I and J of part 121.

Description of Relief Sought/
Disposition: To allow GPA to conduct local sightseeing flights at Greater Gortner Airport for the Greater Gortner Airport Fly-In and Open House on October 17, 1999, for compensation or hire, without complying with certain anti-drug and alcohol misuse prevention requirements of part 135. *Grant, 10/7/99, Exemption No. 7031.*

Docket No.: 28918.

Petitioner: Cherry-Air, Inc.

Section of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 135.143(c)(2).

Description of Relief Sought/
Disposition: To permit Cherry-Air to operate certain aircraft under part 135 without a TSO-C112 (Mode S) transponder installed in each aircraft. *Grant, 10/8/99, Exemption No. 7036.*

Docket No.: 29778

Petitioner: Raytheon Systems Company.

Section of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 25.815.

Description of Relief Sought/
Disposition: To exempt Raytheon from 25.815 to the extent necessary to allow a movement of passenger seats into the

required aisle space under certain circumstances on the Boeing Model 737-700 IGW airplane defined in the Raytheon DAS Project P-581. *Partial Grant, 10/7/99, Exemption No. 7028.*

Docket No.: 29655.

Petitioner: Rolls-Royce plc.

Section of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 34.21(d)(1)(iv).

Description of Relief Sought/
Disposition: To allow Rolls-Royce to manufacture up to 150 RB211-535E4/E4B engines with current combustor configurations after the effective compliance date of December 31, 1999, for reduced NO_x standards. *Grant, 10/15/99, Exemption No. 7042.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of Motor Carrier Safety

[OMCS Docket No. OMCS-99-6579]

Hours-of-Service of Drivers; Exemption Application from Van Wyk Freight Lines, Inc.

AGENCY: Office of Motor Carrier Safety (OMCS), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of application for exemption and proposal to deny exemption; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The OMCS is announcing its proposal to deny the application of Van Wyk Freight Lines, Inc. (Van Wyk) for an exemption from the records of duty status (log book) provisions of the hours-of-service regulations. Van Wyk indicated that its drivers meet all of the maximum driving time limitations in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) and that it satisfies three of the five conditions for using the OMCS' 100 air-mile radius driver exception to the requirement for log books. Van Wyk's drivers exceed the 100 air-mile distance, and the 12 hours on-duty limitations in the exception. Van Wyk believes its computerized payroll records, and compliance with the remaining conditions listed in the 100 air-mile radius driver exception would achieve a level of safety comparable to that provided under the exception. The OMCS proposes to deny the exemption because Van Wyk did not explain how it would ensure that it could achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety that would be obtained by complying with the 100-air mile radius exception to the log book requirements. Also, Van Wyk did not describe the impacts (e.g., inability to test innovative

safety management control systems, etc.) it could experience if the exemption is not granted by the OMCS. The exemption, if granted, would preempt inconsistent State and local requirements applicable to interstate commerce.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 26, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Submit written, signed comments with the docket number appearing at the top of this document to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Larry W. Minor, Office of Motor Carrier Research and Standards, HMCS-10, (202) 366-4009, Office of Motor Carrier Safety, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, D.C. 20590-0001; or Mr. Charles E. Medalen, Office of the Chief Counsel, HCC-20, (202) 366-1354, Federal Highway Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, D.C. 20590-0001. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

Internet users may access all comments that are submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001, by using the universal resource locator (URL): <http://dms.dot.gov>. It is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. Please follow the instructions online for more information and help.

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Creation of New Agency

Section 338 of the FY 2000 Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act prohibits the expenditure of any funds appropriated by that Act "to carry out the functions and operations of the