

simulated instrument flights to meet recent instrument experience requirements, in certain Beechcraft airplanes equipped with a functioning throwover control wheel in place of functioning dual controls. *GRANT, May 21, 1998, Exemption No. 6521A.*

*Docket No.:* 28905.

*Petitioner:* Petroleum Helicopters, Inc.

*Sections of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 135.152(a).

*Description of Relief Sought/*

*Disposition:* To permit the petitioner to operate two Bell 214st helicopters and one Bell 412SP helicopter, currently owned by PHI, that are not equipped with approved flight data recorders. *GRANT, May 21, 1998, Exemption No. 6713A.*

*Docket No.:* 28955.

*Petitioner:* James W. Shafer.

*Sections of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 91.307(c).

*Description of Relief Sought/*

*Disposition:* To permit Mr. Shafer to permanently mount and use a Ballistic Recovery Systems, Inc. (BRS), 1050 ballistic parachute in his Rans S-10 experimental category aircraft in lieu of the individual approved parachutes required by § 91.307(c). *DENIAL May 21, 1998, Exemption No. 6767.*

*Docket No.:* 28434.

*Petitioner:* Mercy Air Service, Inc.

*Sections of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 135.142(c)(2).

*Description of Relief Sought/*

*Disposition:* To permit the petitioner to operate certain aircraft without a TSO-C112 (Mode S) transponder installed. *GRANT, May 21, 1998, Exemption No. 6769.*

*Docket No.:* 28977.

*Petitioner:* Freight Runners Express, Inc.

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

*Description of Relief Sought/*

*Disposition:* To permit the petitioner to operate its Beechcraft B-99A aircraft without a TSO-C112 (Mode S) transponder installed. *GRANT, May 21, 1998, Exemption No. 6768.*

*Docket No.:* 29181.

*Petitioner:* Northwest Airlines.

*Sections of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 93.217.

*Description of Relief Sought/*

*Disposition:* To permit Northwest, who holds two international slots at O'Hare, to conduct domestic operations utilizing the two subject international slots. Northwest may trade these two slots on a one-for-one basis at the same airport; these slots may not be bought, sold, or

leased. *GRANT, May 27, 1998, Exemption No. 6766.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Executive Committee of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of change in time of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a change in time for a special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Federal Aviation Administration Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (63 FR 8315, February 19, 1998).

**DATES:** The meeting to be held on June 26, 1998, will begin at 10 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 6244-6248, Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Miss Jean Casciano, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-9683; fax (202) 267-5075; e-mail Jean.Casciano@faa.dot.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App. II), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Executive Committee to be held on June 26, 1998, at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 6244-6248, Washington, DC, 10 a.m. The agenda will include:

- A vote on a revised proposed task concerning Flight Time Limitations and Rest Requirements.

- An update on the status of the Fuel Tank Harmonization Working Group effort.

Attendance is open to the interested public but will be limited to the space available. The public must make arrangements by June 16, 1998, to present oral statements at the meeting. The public may present written statements to the executive committee at any time by providing 25 copies to the Executive Director, or by bringing the copies to him at the meeting.

Sign and oral interpretation can be made available at the meeting, as well as an assistive listening device, if requested 10 calendar days before the

meeting. Arrangements may be made by contacting the person listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. A copy of the revised proposed task being put to a vote may also be obtained from that person.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 28, 1998.

**Brenda D. Courtney,**

*Acting Executive Director, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement: Orange, Santa Ana, Garden Grove, Westminster, Seal Beach, Los Alamitos and Unincorporated Parts of Orange County, CA

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for a proposed highway project in Orange County, California.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** C. Glenn Clinton, Chief, District Operations—South, Federal Highway Administration, California Division, 980 Ninth Street, Suite 400, Sacramento, California 95814-2724, Telephone: (916) 498-5037.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to improve State Route 22 (SR-22) in Orange County, California. The project area includes SR-22 from SR-55 to I-405 (20.1 km), as well as a section of the former Pacific Electric right-of-way between SR-22 in the City of Garden Grove and Raitt Street in the City of Santa Ana (4.5 km), and I-405 from SR-22 to I-605 (5.3 km) inclusive of the freeway-to-freeway interchanges, (28.2 km). It is known collectively as the SR-22/West Orange County Connection.

The SR-22/West Orange County Connection has insufficient capacity on the freeway and major adjacent surface streets to handle existing and projected travel demand between the SR-55 interchange and I-605, and to and from destinations within the corridor. The situation is aggravated by inadequate freeway interchanges, lack of

continuous parallel arterial routes and available arterial/intersection capacity, absence of alternatives other than single-occupant-vehicle travel (HOV lanes or transit services), and lack of a major program of Transportation System Management (TSM) strategies.

Alternatives under consideration include (1) take no action; (2) implementation of TSM/Expanded Bus Service; (3) construction of a fixed guideway from the MTA Blue Line in Long Beach to the Santa Ana Transportation Center; (4) construction of an additional general purpose lane in each direction on SR-22 between SR-55 and I-405 and construction of a general purpose limited access arterial on the former Pacific Electric right-of-way; (5) construction of an HOV lane in each direction on SR-22 between SR-55 and I-405, and (6) construction of HOV lanes on SR-22, a four-lane HOV section on I-405 between SR-22 and I-605, development of the Pacific Electric right-of-way as a general purpose arterial including direct connector ramps with SR-22, and construction of HOV connectors at the SR-22/SR-55 interchange, the I-5/SR-22 interchange, the SR-22/I-405 interchange, and the I-405/I-605 interchange.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments are being sent to appropriate federal, state, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. Letters were sent February 25, 1998, to the resource/regulatory agencies seeking their input as cooperating agencies. A public and agency scoping meeting will take place on June 23, 1998, from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Garden Grove at the Garden Grove Community Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue. A public hearing will be held in the Spring of 1999 and a public notice will be given of the time and place of the hearing. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on federal programs and activities apply to this program)

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**C. Glenn Clinton,**

Chief, District Operations—South Sacramento, California.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

[FHWA Docket No. FHWA-98-3637]

#### Qualification of Drivers; Waiver Applications; Vision

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of petitions and intent to grant applications for waiver; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the FHWA's preliminary determination to grant the applications of twelve individuals for a waiver of the vision requirements in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. Granting the waivers will enable these persons to qualify as drivers of commercial motor vehicles in interstate commerce without meeting the vision standard prescribed in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10).

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before July 6, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Your written, signed comments must refer to the docket number at the top of this document, and you must submit the comments to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. All comments will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. and 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. Michael Thomas, Office of Motor Carrier Research and Standards, (202) 366-8786, or Ms. Judith Rutledge, Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366-0834, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. 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 can access all comments received by the U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 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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**Background**

Twelve individuals have requested a waiver of the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), which applies to drivers of commercial motor vehicles in interstate commerce. Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e), the FHWA may waive application of the vision standard if the agency determines the waiver is consistent with the public interest and the safe operation of commercial motor vehicles.

#### Background

The FHWA has evaluated each request on its merits, as required by the decision in *Rauenhorst v. United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration*, 95 F.3d 715 (8th Cir. 1996), and made a preliminary determination that granting the waivers is consistent with the public interest and the safe operation of commercial motor vehicles.

**Qualifications of Applicants**

1. *Larry A. Dahleen*

Mr. Dahleen is a 48-year-old individual who contracted a retinal disease in his right eye at the age of 5. The disease decreased Mr. Dahleen's visual acuity in the eye and prevents him from meeting the vision requirement of 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10).

#### Qualifications of Applicants

##### 1. Larry A. Dahleen

A 1997 letter from an optometrist states Mr. Dahleen has light perception in his right eye and 20/15 vision in his left eye. In the optometrist's opinion, Mr. Dahleen can perform the tasks necessary to operate a commercial motor vehicle. Because the retinal disease occurred in 1954, Mr. Dahleen has had almost 44 years to adapt to his vision deficiency. His driving experience and record demonstrate he has adapted successfully.

Mr. Dahleen holds an Iowa commercial driver's license with a hazardous materials endorsement. He has operated tractor-trailer combination vehicles for 11 years and has driven more than 1,250,000 miles since 1987. His driving record contains no traffic violations and no accidents. He has been employed by the same company

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