

(c) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, International Branch, ANM-116, FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then

send it to the Manager, International Branch, ANM-116.

Note 2: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the International Branch, ANM-116.

(d) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with sections 21.197 and 21.199

of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the airplane to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

(e) The replacement shall be done in accordance with the following Avions de Transport Regional service bulletins, which contain the specified effective pages:

Service bulletin referenced and date	Page No. shown on page	Revision level shown on page	Date shown on page
ATR42-25-0108	1-9	Original	Jan. 24, 1997.
ATR42-25-0108, Revision 1, February 28, 1997	1-3, 5-7	1	Feb. 28, 1997.
	4, 8, 9	Original	Jan. 24, 1997.
ATR42-25-0108, Revision 2, July 1, 1997	1, 2, 4	2	July 1, 1997.
	3, 5, 6, 7	1	Feb. 28, 1997.
	8, 9	Original	Jan. 24, 1997.
ATR72-25-1052	1-7	Original	Feb. 11, 1997.
ATR72-25-1052, Revision 1, July 1, 1997	1, 3	1	July 1, 1997.
	2, 4-7	Original	Feb. 11, 1997.

This incorporation by reference was approved by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. Copies may be obtained from Aerospatiale, 316 Route de Bayonne, 31060 Toulouse, Cedex 03, France. Copies may be inspected at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

Note 3: The subject of this AD is addressed in French airworthiness directives 96-289-069(B)R1 and 96-288-032(B)R1, both dated December 18, 1996.

(f) This amendment becomes effective on July 20, 1998.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on June 8, 1998.

John J. Hickey,

Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

18 CFR Part 37

Notice of Clarification and New Docket Prefix EY

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Clarification of rule.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is clarifying that, as required by section 37.4(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, 18 CFR 37.4(a)(2) (1997), transmission providers should report emergency circumstances affecting system reliability to the Commission

within 24 hours by sending reports by facsimile to the Secretary of the Commission. In addition, the Commission is clarifying the information that transmission providers should include in the reports. The Commission is also establishing a new docket prefix, EY, to track the reports.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 15, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Johnathan E. First, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, (202) 208-1033.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission also provides all interested persons an opportunity to inspect or copy the contents of this document during normal business hours in the Public Reference Room at 888 First Street, N.E., Room 2A, Washington, D.C. 20426.

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Finally, the complete text on diskette in Wordperfect format may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, La Dorn Systems Corporation. La Dorn Systems Corporation is located in the Public Reference Room at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Notice of Clarification and New Docket Prefix EY

June 1, 1998.

The Commission clarifies the procedures that transmission providers should follow when reporting emergency circumstances that result in deviations from the standards of conduct. See 18 CFR 37.4(a)(2). Further, the Commission gives notice that it has established a new docket prefix, EY, for reports of emergency circumstances that transmission providers submit.

Background

In Order No. 889, the Commission issued rules governing an Open Access Same-Time Information System (OASIS)

and prescribing Standards of Conduct.¹ Section 37.4(a)(1) of the Commission's regulations, 18 CFR 37.4(a)(1) (1997), requires employees of transmission providers engaged in transmission system operations to function independently of employees engaged in wholesale merchant functions. Section 37.4(a)(2) creates an exception and states that, "in emergency circumstances affecting system reliability, Transmission Providers may take whatever steps are necessary to keep the system in operation." The rule requires transmission providers that invoke the emergency exception to "report to the Commission and on the OASIS each emergency that resulted in any deviation from the standards of conduct, within 24 hours of such deviation" but does not provide guidance on how transmission providers should submit such reports or the details that should be included in the reports.

Reporting Procedures

To promote the uniform reporting of emergency circumstances as required by section 37.4(a)(2), the Commission clarifies that transmission providers should report emergencies to the Commission within 24 hours by sending a report by facsimile to the Secretary at the following telephone number: (202) 208-2268.

The use of facsimiles for reporting emergencies is an interim measure until the Commission develops a comprehensive information system that accepts filings and disseminates information electronically using the Commission's Internet site. The Commission will issue a subsequent notice when it implements a comprehensive electronic filing initiative.

Further, to allow for the uniform reporting of emergency circumstances as required by section 37.4(a)(2), the Commission clarifies that the reports should, at a minimum:

- (a) Identify the name, title and telephone number of the person who prepared the report;
- (b) State in the "subject" line of the facsimile that the correspondence reports an "emergency deviation";

(c) Identify when the emergency occurred and the duration of the emergency;

(d) Describe the emergency circumstances, including the nature of the emergency, the cause of the emergency, and the effects on system reliability; and

(e) Describe the resulting deviation(s) from the standards of conduct.

If the emergency is ongoing, the report should provide an estimate of when the emergency will be concluded. Transmission providers should provide updates as necessary until the emergency is concluded.

Further, section 37.4(a)(2) requires that transmission providers report emergency circumstances on the OASIS. However, the rule does not state a minimum period for transmission providers to post the reports on the OASIS. Accordingly, the Commission clarifies that reports must remain posted on the OASIS for 30 days from the date when the emergency ends. The OASIS reports must include the same information as the reports that transmission providers submit to the Commission.

New Docket Prefix EY

To properly track reports of emergency circumstances affecting system reliability, the Commission has established a new docket prefix EY. The new docket prefix will be EYFY-NNN, where the FY stands for the fiscal year in which the report is submitted and the NNN identifies the docket number for tracking emergency reports. If a transmission provider submits an emergency report and subsequently submits one or more update reports regarding the same emergency, the original report and updates will be filed under the same docket number.

The Commission will assign docket numbers to emergency reports only for internal record keeping purposes. The reports will not be subject to **Federal Register** notice or public comment. The public will have access to the same information on the OASIS.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Railroad Retirement Board amends its regulations to expand the methods by which compensation and service reports may be filed with the Board and to require that a social security account number be furnished for each employee for whom creditable railroad service and compensation is reported to the Board.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 15, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Secretary to the Board, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas W. Sadler, Senior Attorney, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611, (312) 751-4513, TDD (312) 751-4701.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Employer reports are used to establish employee compensation and service records. These reports are based on payroll records. Due to changes in technology, employers now file their reports on magnetic tape and diskettes and transmit their reports by facsimile or computer-to-computer transmission (electronic filing). The punch card previously referred to in §§ 209.6, 209.7, 209.11, and 209.14 of the Board's regulations is an outdated medium of reporting. The quarterly report required by § 209.8 has been eliminated by the Employer Data Maintenance System. The Board amends part 209 of its regulations in order to reflect these changes. See § 209.4.

The Board also amends § 209.2 to add a provision that requires each employer to furnish a social security number (SSN) for each employee for whom creditable railroad service and compensation is reported to the Board. This amendment simply puts into regulation a current reporting requirement. Although not required, employers are encouraged to validate the social security numbers of their employees. In addition, the Board is revising the present § 209.11 to provide that the Board shall mail annual certificates of service and compensation to employees performing service for covered employers. Under previous regulation these certificates could be provided through the employer.

Finally, the Board has eliminated references to offices and titles that were eliminated as the result of a recent reorganization.

The final rule removes § 209.13, redesignated § 209.14 in the proposed rule, since the separate report required by that section with regard to miscellaneous compensation under § 211.11 of this chapter is no longer

¹ Open Access Same-Time Information System (Formerly Real-Time Information Network) and Standards of Conduct, 61 FR 21737 (May 10, 1996), FERC Stats. & Regs., Regulations Preambles January 1991-June 1996 ¶ 31,035 (April 24, 1996); Order No. 889-A, *order on rehearing*, 62 FR 12484 (March 14, 1997), III FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,049 (March 4, 1997); Order No. 889-B, *rehearing denied*, 62 FR 64715 (December 9, 1997), 81 FERC ¶ 61,253 (November 25, 1997).

RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

20 CFR Part 209

RIN 3220-AB21

Railroad Employers' Reports and Responsibilities

AGENCY: Railroad Retirement Board.