

initiate reopening of Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) decisions only when the decision "is properly before it." The court explained several methods by which an ALJ decision may be properly before the Appeals Council including when the Council timely takes own motion review of a decision.

Furthermore, the court's holding limited the reopening jurisdiction of the Appeals Council by specifically requiring timely own motion review to begin within the 60-day time period provided in 20 CFR 404.969.

Concurrent with the rescission of this Ruling, we are publishing our final rules amending sections 404.969 and 416.1469 of Social Security Regulations Nos. 4 and 16 (20 CFR 404.969 and 416.1469), to clarify when the Appeals Council has own motion review authority to reopen and revise ALJ decisions in accordance with the provisions of 20 CFR 404.987, 404.988, 416.1487 and 416.1488. The final rules provide in paragraphs 404.969(d) and 416.1469(d) that if the Appeals Council is unable to decide within the applicable 60-day period whether to review a decision or dismissal, it may consider at a later time whether the decision or dismissal should be reopened and revised under 20 CFR 404.987, 404.988, 416.1487 and 416.1488. Under the final rules, the Appeals Council's authority to reopen and revise ALJ decisions is not limited by the 60-day period provided in paragraphs 404.969(a) and 416.1469(a).

Because the final rules address the *Butterworth* court's concerns and explain that the Appeals Council's authority to reopen and revise ALJ decisions is not subject to the 60-day period provided in paragraphs 404.969(a) and 416.1469(a), we are rescinding Acquiescence Ruling 87-2(11). The final rules and this rescission restore uniformity to our nationwide system of rules in accordance with our commitment to the goal of administering our programs through uniform national standards as discussed in the preamble to the 1998 acquiescence regulations, 63 FR 24927 (May 6, 1998).

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 96.001 Social Security—Disability Insurance; 96.002 Social Security—Retirement Insurance; 96.003 Special Benefits for Persons Aged 72 and Over; 96.004 Social Security—Survivors

independent Agency in the Executive Branch of the United States Government and was provided ultimate responsibility for administering the Social Security and Supplemental Security Income programs under titles II and XVI of the Act. Prior to March 31, 1995, the Secretary of Health and Human Services had such responsibility.

Insurance; 96.006 Supplemental Security Income)

Dated: May 27, 1998.

Kenneth S. Apfel,

Commissioner of Social Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Intelligence and Research Bureau; Announcement of FY 1998 Grants Under the Research and Training Program on Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union (Title VIII)

[Public Notice 2846]

On May 5, 1998, Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott approved the recommendations of the Advisory Committee for the Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union. The Title VIII program, administered by the Department of State, seeks to build expertise among Americans on Russia, Eurasia, and Eastern Europe through support for advanced research, language training, and other activities both in the US and in the region. FY 1998 grant recipients are listed below.

1. American Council of Learned Societies

Grant: \$250,000 (EE/Baltic States).

Purpose: To support competitions for dissertation and postdoctoral research fellowships and the Junior Scholars Training Program.

Contact: Jason Parker, Executive Associate, American Council of Learned Societies, 228 East 45th Street, New York, NY 10017-3398, (212) 697-1505 (ext. 134/135), Fax (212) 949-8058, www.ACLS.org, e-mail: Jason@ACLS.org.

2. American Council of Teachers of Russian

Grant: \$371,830 (300,000-NIS, \$71,830-EE).

Purpose: To support 64 graduate students, postdoctoral scholars, and young faculty in Russian, Eurasian, or Central European studies for advanced on-site language training or research.

Contact: Margaret Stephenson, ACTR, 1776 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Suite 700, Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 833-7522, Fax (202) 833-7523, www.ACTR.org, e-mail: Stephens@ACTR.org.

3. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Grant: \$126,519 (\$95,000-NIS; \$31,519-EE).

Purpose: To provide support for the Summer Research Laboratory and the Slavic Reference Service.

Contact: Dianne Merridith, Program Administrator, Russian and East European Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 104 International Studies Building, 910 South Fifth Street, Champaign, IL 61820, (217) 333-1244, Fax (217) 333-1582, www.UIUC.edu, e-mail: DianneM@UIUC.EDU

4. Institute of International Education

Grant: \$120,000 (\$60,000-NIS, \$60,000-EE).

Purpose: To support 15 Professional Development Fellowships for young professionals in fields related to public service and civil policy in the NIS and Eastern Europe.

Contact: Andrew Small, Institute Of International Education, US Student Program Division, 809 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017-3580, (212) 883-8200, Fax (212) 984-5325, www.IIE.org, e-mail: ASmall@IIE.org.

5. International Research and Exchanges Board

Grant: \$925,000 (\$600,000-NIS; \$325,000-EE).

Purpose: To support its programs for Individual Advanced Research Opportunities; Short-term Travel Grants; Special Projects in Library and Information Service Grants; and Policy Forums.

Contact: Paul Ashin, IREX, 1616 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006, (202) 628-8188, www.IREX.org, e-mail: Pashin@IREX.Org.

6. National Academy of Sciences

Grant: \$195,000 (\$98,000-NIS, \$97,000-EE).

Purpose: To support four Young Investigator Programs and 20 grants for a program on "Governance in Post-Communist Societies," focusing on science and democratization and organized crime, terrorism, and Weapons of Mass Destruction.

Contact: Steven Deets, Office for Central Europe and Eurasia, National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council, 2102 Constitution Avenue, N.W., (FO 2014), Washington, D.C. 20418, (202) 334-2644, Fax (202) 334-2614, www.NAS.edu, e-mail: SDeets@NAS.EDU.

7. National Council for Eurasian and East European Research

Grant: \$1,273,800 (\$900,000-NIS; \$373,800,000-EE).

Purpose: To support the Research Contract and Fellowship Grant Programs and for the Policy Research Fellowships for junior postdoctoral scholars in the NIS.

Contact: Robert Huber, President, NCEEER, 1755 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Suite 304, Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 387-0168, Fax (202) 387-1608, www.NCEEER.com, e-mail: NCEEER@IX.Netcom.com.

8. Social Science Research Council

Grant: \$770,000 (\$750,000-NIS, \$20,000-EE).

Purpose: To support a national fellowship program for dissertation completion and for postdoctoral research and a competition for grants to American institutions for language training.

Contact: Judith Sedaitis, Staff Associate, Social Science Research Council, 810 7th Avenue, New York, NY 10019, (212) 377-2700, Fax (212) 377-2727, www.SSRC.org, e-mail: Sedaites@SSRC.org.

9. The Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars

Grant: \$742,851 (\$480,000-NIS; \$262,851-EE).

Purpose: To support research scholarships, short-term grants, research fellowships and internships; meetings; and outreach publication.

Contact: Nancy Popson, Program Associate, Kennan Institute, (202) 287-3400, Fax (202) 287-3772, wwics.si.edu, e-mail: Popsonna@WWIC.SI.Edu. Or, Kristin Hunter Program Associate, East European Studies, East and West European, Program, The Wilson Center, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, Suite 704, Washington, D.C. 20024-2518, (202) 287-3000, Fax (202) 287-3772, wwics.si.edu, e-mail: EES-WWC@erols.com.

Dated: June 22, 1998.

Kenneth E. Roberts,

Executive Director, Advisory Committee for Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of the Federal Aviation Administration Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to discuss aircraft certification procedures issues.

DATES: The meeting will be held on July 22, 1998, at 9:00 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the General Aviation Manufacturers Association, 1400 K Street, NW, Suite 801, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Terry Stubblefield, Transportation Industry Analyst, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-208), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. Telephone: (202) 267-7624; FAX: (202) 267-5075.

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 Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to discuss aircraft certification procedures issues. This meeting will be held on July 22, 1998, at 9:00 a.m. at the General Aviation Manufacturers Association, 1400 K Street, NW, Suite 801, Washington, DC.

The agenda for this meeting will include:

(1) A status report from the International Certification Procedures Harmonization Working Group on disposition of comments received in response to the "Type Certification Procedures for Changed Products" Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM). This working group's activities are nearing completion, and it is expected that this will be the last report. The next action anticipated by the working group will be a ballot vote;

(2) A status report on the Delegation System Working Group's "Establishment of Organization Designation Authorization Procedures" NPRM, advisory circular and FAA order;

(3) A status report from the Parts Working Group and Production Certification Working Group on the parts 21 and 45 "Production Certification and Parts Manufacturing" NPRM.

Attendance is open to the interested public but may be limited to the space available. The public must make arrangements in advance to present oral statements at the meeting or may present written statements to the committee at any time. In addition, 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 "For Further Information Contact."

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 29, 1998.

Brian Yanez,

Assistant Executive Director for Aircraft Certification Procedures, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Approvals and Disapprovals

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Monthly Notice of PFC Approvals and Disapprovals. In May 1998, there were eight applications approved. Additionally, seven approved amendments to previously approved applications are listed.

SUMMARY: The FAA publishes a monthly notice, as appropriate, of PFC approvals and disapprovals under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158). This notice is published pursuant to paragraph d of § 158.29.

PFC Applications Approved

Public Agency: City of Springfield Airport Board, Springfield, Missouri.

Application Number: 97-03-C-00-SGF.

Application Type: Impose and use a PFC.

PFC Level: \$3.00.

Total PFC Revenue Approved in this Decision: \$6,370,614.

Earliest Charge Effective Date: July 1, 1998.

Estimated Charge Expiration Date: July 1, 2005.

Class of Air Carriers Not Required To Collect PFC's:

Non-scheduled Part 135 air taxi commercial operators.

Determination: Approved. Based on information contained in the public agency's application, the FAA has determined that the proposed class accounts for less than 1 percent of the total annual enplanements at Springfield/Branson Regional Airport.

Brief Description of Projects Approved for Collection and Use:

Terminal area master plan.

Flight information display system.

Airport snow removal equipment (SRE).

Commuter walkways.

PFC administrative costs.