proposal would not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this action (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a 'significant rule'' under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979); and (3) if promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. A copy of the draft regulatory evaluation prepared for this action has been placed in the Rules Docket. A copy of it may be obtained by contacting the Rules Docket at the location provided under the caption ADDRESSES.

## List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Safety.

## The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the

Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) as follows:

# PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

## § 39.13 [Amended]

2. Section 39.13 is amended by adding a new airworthiness directive (AD) to read as follows:

Raytheon Aircraft Company (Type Certificate No. A24CE formerly held by the Beech Aircraft Corporation): Docket No. 98–CE–66–AD.

Applicability: The following airplane models and serial numbers, certificated in any category:

Model	Serial Nos.
1900 1900C	UA-2 and UA-3. UB-1 through UB-74, and UC-1 through UC- 174.

Model	Serial Nos.
1900C (C-12J)	UD-1 through UD-6.
1900D	UE-1 through UE-299.

**Note 1:** This AD applies to each airplane identified in the preceding applicability provision, regardless of whether it has been modified, altered, or repaired in the area subject to the requirements of this AD. For airplanes that have been modified, altered, or repaired so that the performance of the requirements of this AD is affected, the owner/operator must request approval for an alternative method of compliance in accordance with paragraph (d) of this AD. The request should include an assessment of the effect of the modification, alteration, or repair on the unsafe condition addressed by this AD; and, if the unsafe condition has not been eliminated, the request should include specific proposed actions to address it.

Compliance: Inspection required as indicated below, unless already accomplished; and replacement or rework, if required, would be prior to further flight after the inspection required in paragraph (a) of this AD, unless already accomplished:

Hours time-in-service (TIS) accumulated on the main landing gear hydraulic actuator	Inspection compliance time
Less Than 6,000 hours TIS	Upon accumulating 6,600 hours TIS on the actuator or within the next 600 hours TIS after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later.
6,000 hours TIS through 6,999 hours TIS	
7,000 hours TIS through 7,999 hours TIS	
8,000 hours TIS through 8,999 hours TIS 9,000 hours TIS through 9,999 hours TIS	
10,000 Hours TIS or more	

To prevent the main landing gear from not locking down due to the hydraulic actuator cracking and separating, which could result in loss of control of the airplane during landing, taxi, or ground operations, accomplish the following:

(a) Inspect the main landing gear hydraulic actuators to determine whether any Frisby Aerospace actuator, P/N 114–380041–11 or P/N 114–380041–13, is installed. Accomplish this inspection in accordance with Raytheon Mandatory Service Bulletin SB.32–3141, Issued: January, 1998.

(b) If any Frisby Aerospace actuator, P/N 114–380041–11 or P/N 114–380041–13, is installed, prior to further flight, remove it and accomplish one of the following:

(1) Replace the Frisby Aerospace actuator with one of a part number listed in the Material Information section of Raytheon Mandatory Service Bulletin SB.32–3141, Issued: January, 1998. Accomplish this replacement in accordance with the applicable maintenance manual; or

(2) Rework the Frisby Aerospace actuator by incorporating the kit referenced in the Material Information section of Raytheon Mandatory Service Bulletin SB.32–3141, Issued: January, 1998. Accomplish this rework in accordance with Frisby Aerospace Service Bulletin 1FA10043, dated October 1997.

(c) 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.

(d) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance times that provides an equivalent level of safety may be approved by the Manager, Wichita Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), 1801 Airport Road, Room 100, Mid-Continent Airport, Wichita, Kansas 67209. The request shall be forwarded through an appropriate FAA Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Wichita ACO.

**Note 2:** Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from Wichita ACO.

(e) All persons affected by this directive may obtain copies of the documents referred to herein upon request to the Raytheon Aircraft Corporation, P.O. Box 85, Wichita, Kansas 67201–0085; or may examine this document at the FAA, Central Region, Office

of the Regional Counsel, Room 1558, 601 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on October 8, 1998.

## Michael Gallagher,

Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

18 CFR Parts 161, 250, and 284

[Docket No. RM98-10-000]

Regulation of Short-Term Natural Gas Transportation Services; Availability of Commission Staff Papers on Auctions

October 9, 1998.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Notice of Availability of Commission Staff Papers on Auctions.

**SUMMARY:** The notice distributes a paper entitled "Auctions and Their Use in Natural Gas Markets" and a glossary of auction terms prepared by the staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. These materials will be used in connection with the workshop to be held on October 20, 1998 to discuss pipeline capacity auctions as contemplated in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR), issued on July 29, 1998. 63 FR 42982 (Aug. 11, 1998). DATES: October 20, 1998, 9:30 a.m. ADDRESSES: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laurel C. Hyde, Office of Economic Policy, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, 202–208–0146.

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, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission Issuance Posting System (CIPS) provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission. CIPS can be accessed via Internet through FERC's Homepage (http://www.ferc.fed.us) using the CIPS Link or the Energy Information Online icon. The full text of this document will be available on CIPS in ASCII and WordPerfect 6.1 format. CIPS is also available through the Commission's electronic bulletin board service at no charge to the user and may be accessed using a personal computer with a modem by dialing 202-208-1397, if dialing locally, or 1-800-856-3920, if dialing long distance. To access CIPS, set your communications software to 19200, 14400, 12000, 9600, 7200, 4800, 2400, or 1200 bps, full duplex, no parity, 8 data bits and 1 stop bit. User assistance is available at 202-208-2474 or by E-mail to cipsmaster@ferc.fed.us.

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remotely via Internet through FERC's Homepage using the RIMS link or the Energy Information Online icon. User assistance is available at 202-208–2222, or by E-mail to rimsmaster@ferc.fed.us.

Finally, the complete text on diskette in WordPerfect format may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, RVJ International, Inc. RVJ International, Inc. is located in the Public Reference Room at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426.

## Notice of Availability of Commission Staff Papers on Auctions

October 9, 1998.

On October 20, 1998, the staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is holding a workshop to discuss pipeline capacity auctions as contemplated in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR), issued on July 29, 1998. The purpose of the workshop is for staff to provide background information about auctions and auction formats in order to facilitate comments on the capacity auctions proposed in NOPR.

The Commission staff has prepared a paper entitled "Auctions and Their Use in Natural Gas Markets," as well as a glossary of auction terms. The paper discusses general issues of auction design and describes auctions that have been used in the natural gas and electric industries. To provide those planning on attending the workshop with background information about auctions and auction formats, the paper and glossary accompany this notice.

The September 18, 1998 notice <sup>2</sup> announcing the workshop asked those who have specific questions or who have identified areas in which clarification would be helpful to submit such questions or clarifications by October 13, 1998. Further information about the organization of the workshop may be distributed later after reviewing the questions or clarifications submitted. Depending on the amount of material to be covered at the workshop, it also may be necessary to establish a follow-up workshop.

Questions about the workshop should be directed to: Laurel C. Hyde, Office of Economic Policy, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, 202–208–0146.

## David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

# Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

18 CFR Parts 161, 250, and 284

[Docket Nos. RM98-10-000 and RM98-12-000]

## Regulation of Short-Term Natural Gas Transportation Services and Interstate Natural Transportation Services; Extension of Time

Issued: October 8, 1998.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of Extension of Time.

**SUMMARY:** On July 29, 1998, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (63 FR 42982, August 11, 1998) proposing an integrated package of revisions to its regulations governing interstate natural gas pipelines to reflect the changes in the market for short-term transportation services on pipelines. The date for filing comments is being extended at the request of several Trade Associations of regulated pipelines and interested parties.

**DATES:** Comments shall be filed on or before January 22, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David P. Boergers, Secretary, 202–208–0400.

### Notice of Extension of Time

October 8, 1998.

On October 2, 1998, the American Gas Association, the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America, the Natural Gas Supply Association, the Independent Petroleum Association of America, the Process Gas Consumers Group and American Iron and Steel Institute, and National Association of Consumer Advocates (Petitioners) filed a joint motion for an extension of time within which to file comments, in response to the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) issued July 29, 1998, in Docket No. RM98–10–000.

Contemporaneously with that Notice, the Commission issued a Notice of Inquiry (NOI) in Docket No. RM98–12

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Regulation of Short-Term Natural Gas Transportation Services, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 63 FR 42982 (Aug. 11, 1998), IV FERC Stats. & Regs. Proposed Regulations ¶ 32,533 (Jul. 29, 1998).

<sup>263</sup> FR 51547 (Sept. 28, 1998).