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of Transportation  
**Federal Aviation  
Administration**

800 Independence Ave., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20591

June 23, 2015

Exemption No. 11314A  
Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2014-0958

Mr. Ryan K. Koffman  
12289 Daisy Court  
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739

Dear Mr. Koffman:

This letter is to inform you that we have granted your petition for an amendment. It explains the basis for our decision, describes its effect, and lists any changes to the original conditions and limitations.

By letter dated April 19, 2015, you petitioned the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) (hereinafter petitioner or operator) for an amendment to your current exemption. That exemption from §§ 61.23(a) and (c), 61.101(e)(4) and (5), 61.113(a), 61.315(a), 91.7(a), 91.119(c), 91.121, 91.151(a)(1), 91.405(a), 91.407(a)(1), 91.409(a)(1) and (2), and 91.417(a) and (b) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) allows the petitioner to perform aerial data collection and closed set motion picture and filming. You requested an amendment to add the DJI S900 and Blade 350QX.

In your petition, you indicate that there has been no change in the conditions and reasons relative to public interest and safety that were the basis for granting the original exemption.

The FAA has determined that good cause exists for not publishing a summary of the petition in the Federal Register because the requested amendment to the exemption would not set a precedent, and any delay in acting on this petition would be detrimental to the petitioner. The unmanned aircraft(s) authorized in the original grant are comparable in type, size, weight, speed and operating capabilities to those in this petition.

### **Airworthiness Certification**

In accordance with the statutory criteria provided in Section 333 of Public Law 112–95 in reference to 49 U.S.C. § 44704, and in consideration of the size, weight, speed, and limited operating area associated with the aircraft and its operation, the Secretary of Transportation has determined that this aircraft meets the conditions of Section 333. Therefore, the FAA

finds that relief from 14 CFR part 21, *Certification procedures for products and parts, Subpart H—Airworthiness Certificates*, and any associated noise certification and testing requirements of part 36, is not necessary.

### **Our Decision**

The FAA has determined that the justification for the issuance of Exemption No. 11314 remains valid and is in the public interest. Therefore, under the authority contained in 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 40113, and 44701, delegated to me by the Administrator, the operator is granted an amendment to add new aircraft to its UAS operations.

The operator shall add this amendment to its original exemption.

### **Conditions and Limitations**

All conditions and limitations within Grant of Exemption No. 11314 remain in effect except as follows. Condition No. 1 has been updated to reflect the additional aircraft.

Failure to comply with any of the conditions and limitations of this grant of exemption will be grounds for the immediate suspension or rescission of this exemption.

1. Operations authorized by this grant of exemption are limited to the DJI Inspire, DJI S900, and Blade 350QX when weighing less than 55 pounds including payload. Proposed operations of any other aircraft will require a new petition or a petition to amend this exemption.

This exemption terminates on April 30, 2017, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

Sincerely,

/s/

John S. Duncan  
Director, Flight Standards Service

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U.S. Department of Transportation  
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Washington DC 20590

Re: Application to Amend Section 333 Exemption No. 11314 Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2014-0958

Dear Sir or Madam:

By letter dated April 9, 2015 from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) the request for exemption from Section 333 was granted. The letter is marked Section 333 Exemption No. 11314 Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2014-0958.

The petitioner, Ryan K. Koffman, requests the granted exemption be amended to include an additional UAS type. The UAS requested is the DJI S900 and the Blade 350QX.

The reasoning for an additional UAS type was accidentally excluded in the original request for an amendment dated April 19, 2015.

I believe there is an increased layer of safety by implementing the DJI S900 and the Blade 350QX. Due to the decreased size of the UAS this would allow a smaller takeoff and landing area necessary for operation. The requested UAS may be used to obtain the proper camera position/angle for production filming. Once the UAS has acquired the necessary information with positive results the larger UAS may be utilized for the final filming production.

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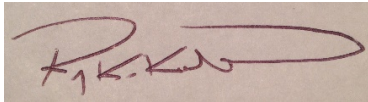
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Thank you for your understanding and consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this request or need additional information.

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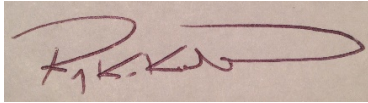
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