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**Federal Aviation
Administration**

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June 24, 2015

Exemption No. 11847A
Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2015-1068

Mr. Nicholas McMahon
President
McMahon Helicopter Services, Inc.
Executive Heliport Building
8351 Ronda Drive
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Dear Mr. McMahon:

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 June 17, 2015, you petitioned the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on behalf of McMahon Helicopter Services, Inc. (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 operate a UAS to perform aerial data collection. You requested an amendment to conduct closed-set motion picture and television filming.

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.

Our Decision

The FAA has determined that the justification for the issuance of Exemption No. 11847 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 closed-set motion picture and television filming 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. 11847 remain in effect except as follows. Condition No. 2 has been updated to permit closed-set motion picture and television filming.

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.

2. Operations for the purpose of closed-set motion picture and television filming are permitted.

This exemption terminates on June 30, 2017, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

Sincerely,

John S. Duncan
Director, Flight Standards Service

Daniels, Nia (FAA)

From: Nick McMahon <nick@mcmahonhelicopters.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 2:50 PM
To: Daniels, Nia (FAA)
Subject: Re: FAA-2015-1068 McMahon Helicopter Services, Inc.
Attachments: Motion Picture & Television Manual.pdf

Nia:

Attached is our FAA Approved Motion Picture & Television Manual, which was enclosed in our original filing. This document is CONFIDENTIAL and proprietary and shall NOT be filed publicly. Please review and let me know if you require any additional information in order to remove the closed set motion picture work from our COA.

Thank you,

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Nick McMahon
President



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On Jun 17, 2015, at 1:31 PM, <Nia.Daniels@faa.gov> <Nia.Daniels@faa.gov> wrote:

Mr. McMahon,

In order to receive an exemption for closed-set filming, you will need to submit a copy of your motion picture and television operations manual.

Thank you,

Nia Daniels, ARM-108

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From: Nick McMahon [<mailto:nick@mcmahonhelicopters.com>]
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To: Rummel, Amanda CTR (FAA)
Cc: Daniels, Nia (FAA); Nathaniel McMahon
Subject: Re: FAA-2015-1068 McMahon Helicopter Services, Inc.

Good afternoon Amanda and Nia,

I received our COA, however for some reason it is restricting us from conducting closed-set film production operations. This was one of the UAS operations we have requested permission for. A copy of our FAA approved Motion Picture & Television Manual was included with our application documents and was labeled confidential. According to the requirements outlined in your letter, this should satisfy that item as we already operate under that manual utilizing our certified aircraft. Please let me know what additional information is needed (if any) to lift that restriction from our COA.

Thank you,

Nick McMahon
President

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On Jun 17, 2015, at 11:54 AM, Amanda.CTR.Rummel@faa.gov wrote:

Mr. McMahon,

Please see attached decision document and COA. If you have any questions, please contact Nia Daniels at 202-267-9677.

Amanda Rummel
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