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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee; Aircraft Certification Procedures Issues Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the Federal Aviation Administration's Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to discuss Aircraft Certification Procedures issues.

DATES: The meeting will be held on July 20, 2001, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Arrange for oral presentations by July 16, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave. SW., room 827, Washington, DC 20591.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marisa Mullen, FAA, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-205), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267-7653, fax: (202) 267-5075.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to § 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 be held on July 20, 2001, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave. SW., room 827, Washington, DC. The agenda will include:

1. Opening Remarks.
2. Committee Administration.
3. A status report on the FAA submitted rulemaking projects for "Establishment of Organization Designation Authorization (ODA) Procedures" and "Production Certification and Parts Manufacturing".
4. A status report on the Parts and Production Certification Working Groups tasking.
5. Future Meetings.

Attendance is open to the interested public, but will be limited to the space available. The FAA will arrange teleconference capability for individuals wishing to participate by teleconference if we receive notification before July 16, 2001. Arrangements to participate by teleconference can be made by

contacting the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Callers outside the Washington metropolitan area will be responsible for paying long distance charges.

The public must make arrangements by July 16, 2001, to present oral statements at the meeting. The public may present written statements to the committee at any time by providing 25 copies to the Assistant Executive Director, or by bringing the copies to the meeting. Public statements will only be considered if time permits. In addition, sign an oral interpretation, as well as an assistive listening device, can be made available at the meeting, if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting. Arrangements may be made by contacting the person listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Washington, DC, on July 10, 2001.

Brian Yañez,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA-2001-10120]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments was published on April 20, 2001.

DATES: Comments must be submitted before August 15, 2001. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sylvia L. Marion, Office of Administration, Office of Management Planning, (202) 366-6680.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* 49 CFR part 611 Major Capital Investment Projects

Abstract: On June 9, 1998, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) (Pub. L. 105-178)

was enacted. Section 3009(e)(5) of TEA-21 requires FTA to issue regulations on the manner in which candidate projects for capital investment grants and loans for new fixed guideway systems and extensions to existing systems ("new starts") will be evaluated and rated for purposes of the FTA Capital Investment Grants and Loans program for new starts under 49 U.S.C. Section 5309.

The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) for this regulation was issued on April 7, 1999, (64 FR 17062). The docket was open for public comment through July 6, 1999, though late-filed comments were accepted through July 19, 1999. Comments were received from a total of 41 individuals and organizations. During the comment period, FTA held three additional public outreach workshops to solicit comments on the proposed rule: one in Toronto, Ontario, on May 24, 1999, in conjunction with the 1999 American Public Transit Association's Commuter Rail/Rapid Transit Conference; one in Oakland, California, on June 3, 1999; and one in Washington, DC, on June 8, 1999. Notes from these workshops have been placed in the docket for this rule (Docket No. FTA-99-5474-48).

The Final Rule was issued on December 7, 2000, (65 FR 76864) noting that a separate burden analysis would be published for public comment and that FTA would seek a control number from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) authorizing FTA to collect the required information. This notice serves that purpose. It is important to note that while the new starts project evaluation and rating regulation is new, the requirements for project evaluation and data collection for the new starts program are not. FTA's requirement to evaluate proposed new starts against a prescribed set of statutory criteria is longstanding. The Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987 (STURAA) established in law a set of criteria that proposed projects had to meet in order to be eligible for federal funding. The requirement for summary project ratings has been in place since 1998.

In general, the information used by FTA for new starts project evaluation and rating purposes should arise as a part of the normal planning process. Prior to this Rule, FTA collected project evaluation information from project sponsors under a Paperwork Reduction Act request (OMB No. 2132-0529) approved under the joint FTA/FHWA planning regulations. However, as the project evaluation criteria have expanded under TEA-21, it has become apparent that some information required

AVIATION RULEMAKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ARAC)

Aircraft Certification Issues

Meeting Minutes

Date: July 20, 2001

Time: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Place: FAA, Room 827, 800 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC, 20591

The Assistant Chair, Mr. Bill Schultz (GAMA), called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. Agendas were distributed (**Attachment 1**) and an attendance sheet was circulated (**Attachment 2**). Mr. Schultz greeted everyone and introduced Mr. David Hempe of FAA Aircraft Certification Service who would be Acting Assistant Executive Director for the meeting. Mr. Hempe read the instructions governing the conduct of the meeting.

As many changes had occurred since the last Aircraft Certification Procedures Issues Meeting was held in July 1999, Mr. Schultz asked that the members present update the committee members' mailing list that was passed out, paying particular attention to the E-mail addresses and phone numbers.

Mr. Schultz discussed the availability of ARAC and rulemaking information on FAA's internet web site "<http://www.faa.gov/avr/arm/index.htm>", as well as the new automated Docket Management System (part of the Dept. of Transportation web site "<http://dms.dot.gov/>") where agency rulemaking actions could be viewed and commented on.

Also, Mr. Schultz brought everyone up to date with a quick overview of the last actions of the Issues group.

- The complete Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) recommendation on "Establishment of Organization Designation Authorization (ODA) Procedures" was submitted to FAA on October 22, 1998, and its companion Order was submitted on May 26, 2000.
- The NPRM recommendation (without an economic evaluation or legal review) on "Production Certification and Parts Manufacturing" was submitted to FAA on February 23, 1999, and the working group was still working on the advisory material for this tasking.

Status reports on FAA submitted rulemakings and working group presentations were made as described below:

FAA Submitted Rulemakings:

- *"Establishment of Organization Designation Authorization (ODA) Procedures"*

Mr. David Hempe, FAA, briefed members on the ODA rulemaking actions and what ODA will do. The NPRM is on FAA's "A" priority list and publication of the NPRM and Order are expected by February 2002. The FAA hopes to complete the rule's economic evaluation by the end of August 2001, finish agency coordination through the Administrator by the end of November 2001, and receive OST approval by the end of December 2001.

Questions and a discussion followed on "Who comprises the FAA internal team and the Rulemaking Council and how do they fit together?" The internal team is made up of agency subject matter technical experts, an attorney, an economist, and a project manager who draft/edit a particular rulemaking action and process it through the agency. The Rulemaking Council is a standing body of managers at Director level and above who review and prioritize all rulemaking activity.

- *"Production Certification and Parts Manufacturing"*

Mr. Frank Paskiewicz, FAA, gave a briefing and distributed a handout (**Attachment 3**) on the status of the NPRM recommendation submitted to FAA in 1999. While identifying the issues and continuing the drafting of NPRM, FAA changed the project scope into two phases with two distinct rulemaking documents. FAA is in full support of this project. The initial Rulemaking Project Record (RPR) was submitted to and accepted by the FAA Rulemaking Council in May 2001, thus authorizing the development of the first (Phase I) NPRM. In all, eight separate resources are working on this project.

Phase I: Publish NPRM (May 2002) dealing with the highest impact benefits to industry and government.

Phase II: Publish NPRM and other guidance dealing with residual changes needed. Some of these deal with separating design and production approvals; prepositioning of parts via tags prior to design approvals; limited airworthiness approvals (until type design approved); deleting classes of parts; deleting export procedures; and other guidance.

A chart from the working group (**Attachment 4**) was handed out and members and FAA discussed which items were included in the rulemaking phases.

Production Certification and Parts Manufacturing Working Group Report. Mr. Andrew Brindisi (Pratt & Whitney) gave a briefing and distributed a handout (**Attachment 5**) outlining the status of the WG tasks. Mr. Brindisi detailed the background information and requested that the WG be allowed to continue working on the associated guidance materials and any follow-up documents. The WG membership works well together and has a diversified experience base that they do not wish to lose. To date approximately \$1.2 million has been spent on this project.

Three individuals made oral presentations.

- Ms. Julia Clark of the International Federation of Professional & Technical Engineers requested membership in the committee. Membership in ARAC must be requested by formal letter to FAA's Executive Director, Tony Fazio. However, participation in open Issues meetings is encouraged for any interested individual or association.
- Two representatives of FAA unions concerned about delegation (ODA) issues requested involvement in the committee. Mr. Tomaso DiPaolo of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA), and Mr. James Pratt of the Professional Airway Systems Specialist-Airway Facilities (PASS-AF). As ODA is no longer a task for the ARAC but a rulemaking action within FAA, and these bargaining units are part of FAA, involvement in issues and concerns would be dealt with within FAA processes. They may participate in ARAC meetings, however, as private individuals.

Mr. Schultz provided the schedule for future meetings as follows:

Working Group:	August 15 & 16, 2001
Issues Group:	October 5, 2001, FAA, 9-12 a.m.

Mr. Schultz adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Attendance

Seventeen (17) people, including committee members, alternates, and government employees, attended the July 20, 2001, meeting of the Aircraft Certification Procedures Issues Group of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

Public Notification

An announcement of the meeting was published in the Federal Register on July 16, 2001 (66 FR 37088).

Approval

I certify that the above minutes are accurate.

/s/

Mr. Bill Schultz
Assistant Chair for
ARAC Aircraft Certification Procedures Issues

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5 Attachments

