

*Description of Relief Sought:* To permit Mr. James A. Atkins and pilots employed by him to perform certain preventive maintenance functions listed in paragraph (c) of appendix A to part 43 on an aircraft operating under 14 CFR part 135 without holding a mechanic certificate.

*Docket No.:* 29615.

*Petitioner:* T-Bird Aviation, Inc.

*Section of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 135.299(a).

*Description of Relief Sought/Disposition:* To permit T-Bird pilots to accomplish a line operational evaluation in a Level C or Level D flight simulator in lieu of a pilot-in-command line check in an aircraft.

#### Dispositions of Petitions

*Docket No.:* 25974.

*Petitioner:* Air Transport Association of America.

*Section of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 91.203.

*Description of Relief Sought/Disposition:* To permit ATA-member airlines to operate certain U.S.-registered aircraft on a temporary basis following the incidental loss or mutilation of a Certificate of Airworthiness, aircraft registration certificate, or both.

*Grant, 07/30/99, Exemption No. 5318F.*

*Docket No.:* 26474.

*Petitioner:* Deere & Company.

*Section of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 21.197(a)(1).

*Description of Relief Sought/Disposition:* To permit Deere to operate its Cessna Model CE-650 aircraft (registration Nos. N400JD, N600JD and N900JD, Serial Nos. 650-0035, 650-0236 and 650-0213, respectively) without obtaining a special flight permit when the flaps fail in the up position.

*Grant, 7/26/99, Exemption No. 6581C.*

*Docket No.:* 27230.

*Petitioner:* ERA Aviation, Inc.

*Section of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 135.143(c)(2).

*Description of Relief Sought/Disposition:* To permit ERA Aviation to operate certain helicopters under the provisions of part 135 without a TSO-C112 (Mode S) transponder installed in each aircraft.

*Grant, 7/30/99, Exemption No. 5718C.*

*Docket No.:* 28552.

*Petitioner:* World Freefall Convention.

*Section of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 105.43(a).

*Description of Relief Sought/Disposition:* To permit WWFC to allow nonstudent, foreign nationals to participate in WWFC-sponsored parachute jumping events held at

WWFC's facilities without complying with the parachute equipment and packing requirements of § 105.43(a).

*Grant, 7/29/99, Exemption No. 6930.*

*Docket No.:* 29218.

*Petitioner:* Cessna Aircraft Company.

*Section of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 91.409(b).

*Description of Relief Sought/Disposition:* To permit owners and operators of C-172R aircraft an exemption from 14 CFR § 91.409(b) to the extent necessary to use Cessna's PhaseCard IP in lieu of the 100-hour inspection required by that section.

*Grant, 6/11/99, Exemption No. 6901.*

*Docket No.:* 29386.

*Petitioner:* Mr. Archie D. Van Beek.

*Section of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 45.29(b)(1).

*Description of Relief Sought/Disposition:* To permit Mr. Van Beek to operate his Maule M-5 (Registration No. 913VB, Serial No. 5001C) airplane displaying 3-inch-high nationality and registration markings instead of the 12-inch-high markings required by the regulations.

*Denial, 7/26/99, Exemption No. 6931.*

*Docket No.:* 29419.

*Petitioner:* Aviation Component Service Center General Electric Engine Services, Inc.

*Section of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 43.9(a)(4), 43.11(a)(3), appendix B to part 43, and 145.57(a).

*Description of Relief Sought/Disposition:* To permit ACSC to use computer-generated electronic signatures in lieu of physical signatures to satisfy the requirements of FAA Form 8130-3, Airworthiness Approval Tag, when the form is used to satisfy approval for return-to-service signature requirements.

*Grant, 7/21/99, Exemption No. 6926.*

*Docket No.:* 29479.

*Petitioner:* Skydive U, Inc.

*Section of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 105.43(a).

*Description of Relief Sought/Disposition:* To permit Skydive U to allow nonstudent foreign nationals to participate in Skydive U-sponsored parachute jumping events held at Skydive U's facilities without complying with the parachute equipment and packing requirements of § 105.43(a).

*Grant, 7/22/99, Exemption No. 6928.*

*Docket No.:* 29492.

*Petitioner:* Lynden Air Cargo.

*Section of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 121.344.

*Description of Relief Sought/Disposition:* To permit Lynden Air Cargo to operate its four L382G Hercules aircraft (Registration Nos. N401LC,

N402LC, N403LC, and N404LC; Serial Nos. 4606, 4698, 4590, and 4763, respectively) under part 121 without an approved DFDR.

*Grant, 7/15/99, Exemption No. 6921.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Research, Engineering and Development (R,E&D) Advisory Committee

Pursuant to section 10(A)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App. 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the FAA Research, Engineering and Development (R,E&D) Advisory Committee on Tuesday, September 14, and Wednesday, September 15. The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Rosslyn Westpark Hotel, 1900 North Fort Myer Drive, Arlington, Virginia.

On Tuesday, September 14 the meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, September 15 the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 12:00 noon.

The meeting agenda will include receiving guidance from the Committee for FAA's fiscal year 2002 research and development investments in the areas of air traffic services, airports, aircraft safety, security, human factors and environment and energy.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space available. Persons wishing to attend the meeting or obtain information should contact Lee Olson at the Federal Aviation Administration, AAR-200, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591 (202) 267-7358.

Members of the public may present a written statement to the Committee at any time.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### Petitions for Waivers of Compliance; Petition for Exemption for Technological Improvements

In accordance with Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Sections 211.9 and 211.41, and 49 U.S.C. 20306, notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has received a request for waiver of compliance with certain requirements of