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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Business-Cooperative Service

#### 7 CFR Part 4280

#### Notice of Public Meeting on the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program Proposed Rule

**AGENCY:** Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice announces a Public Meeting on the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program. On December 15, 1999, (64 FR 69937), the Agency published a proposed rule on the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program. The public comment period on the proposed rule was extended through February 14, 2000. During the comment period, the Agency received 28 written comments. The Agency has decided to conduct a single meeting on this proposed rule. The intent of the meeting is to allow the Agency to listen to oral presentations from the general public on the proposed rule.

**DATES:** The meeting, which is open to the general public, will be conducted on August 2, 2000. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude no later than 12:00 noon.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Jefferson Auditorium, U.S. Department of Agriculture, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you wish to make an oral presentation, please contact Cheryl Thompson, Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture, via fax on (202) 692-0013 or send an e-mail message to [cthompso@rus.usda.gov](mailto:cthompso@rus.usda.gov) at least three (3) business days before the hearing. Please indicate any special needs. You should receive a confirmation by telephone or e-mail that the Agency has received your request.

The Agency will listen to each presentation at the hearing. If a large

number of participants desires to make presentations, a time limitation will be imposed on each presentation. Since this is a listening session and the rule is still being developed, Agency officials will not be responding to the comments during the hearing. The Agency will respond to the comments made at the hearing in the preamble to the final rule as part of the rule-making process under the Administrative Procedures Act. Since the Agency received written comments on the rule during the comment period, the Agency will not be accepting additional written comments on the proposed rule. The presentation may not include questions for other attendees of the general public or Agency officials, nor may it address comments to other attendees of the general public. If you have questions about the meeting or proposed rule, you may contact Mark Wyatt, Specialty Lenders Division, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 3225, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250-3225, Telephone (202) 720-2383 or e-mail [mwyatt@rus.usda.gov](mailto:mwyatt@rus.usda.gov).

Dated: July 13, 2000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 99-CE-29-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

#### Airworthiness Directives; The New Piper Aircraft, Inc. Models PA-31, PA-31-300, PA-31-325, PA-31-350, PA-31P, PA-31T, PA-31T1, PA-31T2, PA-31T3, and PA-31P-350 Airplanes

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** This document proposes to supersede three existing airworthiness directives (AD's) that apply to certain The New Piper Aircraft, Inc. (Piper) Models PA-31, PA-31-300, PA-31P,

PA-31T, and PA-31T1 airplanes. These AD's currently require you to repetitively inspect and/or modify the elevator structure. The proposed AD would: initially retain the inspection and modification requirements that are currently required; add certain other airplane models to the AD applicability; and require a modification at a certain time period, as terminating action for the currently required repetitive inspections. This action coincides with the Federal Aviation Administration's policy of incorporating modifications, when available, that will terminate the need for repetitive inspections. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to continue to detect and correct damage to the elevator structure. A damaged elevator structure could lead to reduced or loss of control of the airplane.

**DATES:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) must receive any comments on this rule on or before September 8, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments in triplicate to FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 99-CE-29-AD, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City, Missouri 64106. You may get the service information referenced in the proposed AD from The New Piper Aircraft, Inc., Customer Services, 2926 Piper Drive, Vero Beach, Florida 32960. You may examine this information at FAA.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Comments Invited

*How do I comment on this AD? We invite your comments on the proposed rule. You may submit whatever written data, views, or arguments you choose. You need to include the rule's docket number and submit your comments in triplicate to the address specified under the caption ADDRESSES. We will consider all comments received on or before the closing date specified above, before acting on the proposed rule. We may change the proposals contained in this notice in light of the comments received.*