composed of technical experts having an interest in the assigned task. A working group member need not be a representative or a member of the full committee.

An individual who has expertise in the subject matter and wishes to become a member of the working group should write to the person listed under the caption **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** expressing that desire, describing his or her interest in the task, and stating the expertise he or she would bring to the working group co-chairs. Individuals will be advised whether or not their request can be accommodated.

Individuals chose for membership on the working group will be expected to represent their aviation community segment and actively participate in the working group (e.g., attend all meetings, provide written comments when requested to do so, etc.). They also will be expected to devote the resources necessary to support the working group in meeting any assigned deadline. Members are expected to keep their management chain and those they may represent advised of working group activities and decisions to ensure that the proposed technical solutions do not conflict with their sponsoring organization's position when the subject being negotiated is presented to ARAC for approval.

Once the working group has begun deliberations, members will not be added or substituted without the approval of the assistant chair, the assistant executive director, and the working group co-chairs.

The Secretary of Transportation determined that the formation and use of the ARAC is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the FAA by law.

Meetings of the ARAC will be open to the public. Meetings of the General Structures Harmonization Working Group will not be open to the public, except to the extent that individuals with an interest and expertise are selected to participate. The FAA will make no public announcement of working group meetings.

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Brenda D. Courtney,

Acting Executive Director, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee; Transport Airplane and Engines Issues—New Task

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of new task assignment for the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC).

SUMMARY: The FAA assigned the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee a new task to develop recommendations harmonizing changes to the airworthiness standards for pilot compartment doors to include resistant to intrusion. This notice is to inform the public of this ARAC activity.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John McGraw, Federal Aviation Administration, Northwest Mountain Region Headquarters, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton Washington 98055 (425) 227–2111, *john.mcgraw@faa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The FAA established the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to provide advice and recommendations to the FAA Administrator on the FAA's rulemaking activities with respect to aviation-related issues. This includes obtaining advice and recommendations on the FAA's commitments to harmonize Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) with its partners in Europe and Canada.

The Task

As part of a current task assigned to the Design for Security Harmonization Working Group (64 FR 57921, 10/27/99), ARAC should recommend harmonized changes to the airworthiness standards for pilot compartment doors to include resistance to intrusion.

Schedule: This new task is to be completed along with the original task and is due no later than December 31, 2001.

ARAC Acceptance of Task

ARAC accepted the task and assigned the task to the existing Design for Security Harmonization Working Group, Transport Airplane and Engines Issues. The working group serves as staff to ARAC and assists in the analysis of assigned tasks. ARAC must review and approve the working group's recommendations. If ARAC accepts the working group's recommendations, it will forward them to the FAA. Recommendations that are received from ARAC will be submitted to the agency's Rulemaking Management Council to address the availability of resources and prioritization.

Working Group Activity

The Design for Security Harmonization Working Group is expected to comply with the procedures adopted by ARAC. As part of the procedures, the working group is expected to:

1. Recommend a work plan for completion of the task, including the rationale supporting such a plan for consideration at the next meeting of the ARAC on transport airplane and engines issues held following publication of this notice.
2. Give a detailed conceptual presentation of the proposed recommendations prior to proceeding with the work stated in item 3 below.
3. Draft the appropriate documents and required analyses and/or any other related materials or documents.
4. Provide a status report at each meeting of the ARAC held to consider transport airplane and engine issues.

Participation in the Working Group

The Design for Security Harmonization Working Group is composed of technical experts having an interest in the assigned task. A working group member need not be a representative or a member of the full committee.

An individual who has expertise in the subject matter and wishes to become a member of the working group should write to the person listed under the caption **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** expressing that desire, describing his or her interest in the task, and stating the expertise he or she would bring to the working group. All requests to participate must be received no later than June 29, 2001. The requests will be reviewed by the assistant chair, the assistant executive director, and the working group co-chairs. Individuals will be advised whether or not their request can be accommodated.

Individuals chosen for membership on the working group will be expected to represent their aviation community segment and actively participate in the working group (e.g., attend all meetings, provide written comments when requested to do so, etc.). They also will be expected to devote the resources necessary to support the working group in meeting any assigned deadlines. Members are expected to keep their management chain and those they may represent advised of working group

activities and decisions to ensure that the proposed technical solutions do not conflict with their sponsoring organization's position when the subject being negotiated is presented to ARAC for approval.

Once the working group has begun deliberations, members will not be added or substituted without the approval of the assistant chair, the assistant executive director, and the working group co-chairs.

The Secretary of Transportation determined that the formation and use of the ARAC is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the FAA by law.

Meetings of the ARAC will be open to the public. Meetings of the Design for Security Harmonization Working Group will not be open to the public, except to the extent that individuals with an interest and expertise are selected to participate. The FAA will make no public announcement of working group meetings.

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Brenda D. Courtney,

Acting Executive Director, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aviation Security Advisory Committee; Meeting

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Aviation Security Advisory Committee.

DATES: The meeting will be held June 21, 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., 10th floor, MacCracken Room, Washington, DC 20591, telephone 202–267–7622.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463; 5 U.S.C. App. 11), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Aviation Security Advisory Committee to be held June 21, 2001, at the Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., 10th floor, MacCracken Room, Washington, DC. The agenda for the meeting will include: Review of Rulemaking Activities, Update on the Status of the Verification Card Program Pilot, RTCA Committee on Access Control Standards and the FAA/ACC Airport Terminal Workshop Series, Weapons of Mass Destruction/Bio-Chemical, A Common Strategy, and Aviation Security Contingency Plan Working Group. The meeting is open to the public but attendance is limited to space available. Members of the public may address the committee only with the written permission of the chair, which should be arranged in advance. The chair may entertain public comment if, in its judgment, doing so will not disrupt the orderly progress of the meeting and will not be unfair to any other person. Members of the public are welcome to present written material to the committee at any time. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the Office of the Associate Administrator for Civil Aviation Security, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone 202–267–7622.

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Lynne A. Osmus,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Civil Aviation Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA–2001–9270]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance; Extension of Comment Period

On April 6, 2001, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 18351) notice of the petition of Wabtec Railway Electronics (Wabtec) in which Wabtec seeks a permanent waiver of compliance from a provision of the ''Railroad Power Brake and Drawbars'' regulations regarding two-way end-of-train devices (49 CFR 232.23(f)(2)).

FRA invited interested parties to participate in this proceeding by submitting comments to the DOT Central Docket Management Facility by May 11, 2001. It has come to our attention that due to an administrative error on the part of the agency, an incomplete copy of Wabtec's petition was filed in the public docket (Docket No. FRA–2001–9270). That error has been corrected and a complete copy of Wabtec's submission is now filed in the docket as Document No. 5.

Inasmuch as interested parties may have had incomplete information on which to base comments in this proceeding, FRA is extending the comment period to July 11, 2001. Comments and other communications concerning this proceeding should be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PL–401, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590–0001. Comments received by that date will be considered by FRA before final action is taken in this proceeding. All written communications concerning this proceeding are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.–5 p.m.) at the DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PL–401, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590–0001. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying at the docket facility's web site at *http://dms.dot.gov.*

Issued in Washington, DC on June 6, 2001.

Michael T. Haley,

Acting Chief Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Research and Development Programs Meeting

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting at which NHTSA will describe and discuss specific research and development projects. Further, the notice requests suggestions for topics to be presented by the agency.

DATES AND TIMES: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will hold a public meeting devoted primarily to presentations of specific research and development projects on Thursday, July 26, 2001, beginning at 1:30 p.m. and ending at approximately 5 p.m. The deadline for interested parties to suggest agenda topics is 5 p.m. on Monday, July 2, 2001. Questions may be submitted in advance regarding the agency's research and development projects. They must be submitted in writing by Friday, July 6, 2001, to the address given below. If sufficient time is available, questions received after the July 6 date will be answered at the meeting during the discussion period. The individual, group, or company asking a question does not have to be present for the question to be answered. A consolidated list of answers to questions submitted by July 6 will be available at the meeting and will be mailed to requesters after the meeting.