

Executive Director (CAPT Gusman) and chairman (Tim Leitzell).

(2) Approval of the September 9, 1999 minutes.

(3) New business. Presentation on Ports and Waterways Safety Assessment

Procedural

This meeting is open to the public. Please note that the meeting may adjourn early if all business is finished. Members of the public may make oral presentations during the meeting. This meeting is in addition to, and will not affect the date of the Committee's next regularly scheduled meeting, Thursday, January 27, 2000.

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Dated: October 1, 1999.

Paul J. Pluta,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Additional Airship Design Standards To Allow 13-Passenger Capacity

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability of additional design standards.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of additional Airship Design Standards to allow increasing the Skyship 600 passenger capacity from 9 to 13 passengers.

Discussion

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has received an application to amend the type certificate (TC) of the Skyship 600 to increase the maximum passenger capacity from 9 to 13. The regulatory basis for the original Skyship 600 TC is FAA-P-8110-2, "Airship Design Criteria (ADC)." The ADC established a level of safety for airships equivalent to Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 23 Normal Category Airplanes, thereby limiting airships to nine passengers. Therefore, additional airworthiness criteria are required to increase the maximum number of passengers above the nine-passenger limit.

AC 21.17-1A, Change 1, "Type Certification—Airships," describes two acceptable criteria for the type certification of airships. The two criteria provide acceptable means, but not the only means, for showing compliance to 14 CFR part 21, § 21.17(b). The ADC provides one of the acceptable criteria. If the ADC airworthiness criteria are inadequate or inappropriate for type certification due to an airship's unique design or design features, AC 21.17-1A, in accordance with 14 CFR § 21.17(b), allows for other criteria to be developed. The FAA must approve these other criteria.

The applicant has proposed criteria, in addition to the ADC, to allow 13-passenger capacity. The additional criteria are the same criteria issued by the British Civil Aviation Authority for 13-passenger Skyship 600 operations in the United Kingdom. The FAA agrees that the additional criteria provide an acceptable level of safety by requiring additional emergency exits. The additional criteria is similar to that of 14 CFR part 23, § 23.807(d)(1)(i), which establishes emergency exit requirements for commuter category airplanes with up to 15 passengers.

The FAA has approved the additional criteria specifically for the passenger seating increase for the Skyship 600. The additional criteria would not necessarily be adequate or appropriate for a similar capacity increase on an airship of different type design.

How To Obtain Copies

A copy of the Skyship 600 13-passenger criteria may be obtained from the FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, Attention: Ms. Terre Flynn, ACE-111, DOT Building, Room 301, 901 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106-2641.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Policy Regarding Risk Analysis for Airport Proposals Involving Federal Aid

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA); DOT.

ACTION: Notice of interim policy; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the issuance of an interim policy establishing procedures to help proponents identify and analyze the principal risks related to the feasibility of certain airport development proposals for which Federal aid may be requested. Risk analysis is typically eligible for Federal aid when conducted in conjunction with, or in anticipation of, airport master and system planning studies. This interim policy describes the types of proposals for which risk analysis is warranted and the analytical procedures that are typically involved. The primary purpose of the policy is to ensure that proponents are informed early in the planning process about certain risks involving the financial feasibility of development, so that they can make appropriate adjustments. An interim policy is being issued in lieu of a proposed policy to help ensure that development proposals currently being planned are handled in a consistent manner. In formulating this interim policy, the FAA has considered and recognized the analytical practices currently accepted and in use as producing reasonable results. This policy does not intend to disturb those practices, but rather to apply them uniformly. This interim policy may be revised prior to issuance of a final policy pursuant to comments received. **DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before December 20, 1999. Late filed comments will be considered to the extent possible.

ADDRESSES: All comments concerning this proposed policy must be delivered or mailed to Larry Kiernan, Manager, Airport Capacity Branch, Federal Aviation Administration, Room 623, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Kiernan, Manager (APP-410), (202) 267-8784, Airport Capacity Branch, National Planning Division, Office of Airport Planning and Programming, Federal Aviation Administration, Room 623, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: