

through 1152, for a crack and replacing any cracked crosstube with an airworthy crosstube before further flight; and

- Inspecting each high aft crosstube, P/N 206-321-002, with S/N 2001 through 2152, for a crack and replacing any cracked crosstube with an airworthy crosstube before further flight.

We estimate that this proposed AD would affect 150 helicopters of U.S. registry. Inspecting both crosstubes on each helicopter would take approximately 3 work hours and replacing both crosstubes, if necessary, would also take approximately 3 work hours. The average labor rate is \$65 per work hour. Required parts would cost approximately \$2,260 per crosstube. Based on these figures, the total cost impact of the proposed AD on U.S. operators would be \$736,500 (\$4,910 per helicopter, assuming one inspection and one forward and one aft crosstube replacement on the entire fleet).

Regulatory Findings

We have determined that this proposed AD would not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. Additionally, this proposed AD would not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the National Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that the proposed regulation:

1. Is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866;
2. Is not a "significant rule" under the DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979); and
3. Will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

We prepared a draft economic evaluation of the estimated costs to comply with this proposed AD. See the DMS to examine the draft economic evaluation.

Authority for This Rulemaking

Title 49 of the United States Code specifies the FAA's authority to issue rules on aviation safety. Subtitle I, Section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the Agency's authority.

We are issuing this rulemaking under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart III, Section 44701, "General requirements." Under that section, Congress charges the FAA with promoting safe flight of civil aircraft in

air commerce by prescribing regulations for practices, methods, and procedures the Administrator finds necessary for safety in air commerce. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on products identified in this rulemaking action.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Safety.

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) as follows:

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

2. Section 39.13 is amended by adding a new airworthiness directive to read as follows:

Bell Helicopter Textron: Docket No. FAA-2005-21230; Directorate Identifier 2004-SW-51-AD.

Applicability: Model 206A and 206B helicopters modified by Aeronautical Accessories, Inc. Supplemental Type Certificate SH1392SO, with high forward crosstube, part number (P/N) 206-321-001 with serial number (S/N) 1001 through 1152, and high aft crosstube, P/N 206-321-002 with S/N 2001 through 2152, installed, certificated in any category.

Compliance: Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously.

To detect a crack in the crosstube, which could lead to failure of the crosstube, collapse of the landing gear, and subsequent loss of control of the helicopter, accomplish the following:

- (a) Within 300 hours time-in-service (TIS) or 60 days, whichever occurs first, and after that at intervals not to exceed 300 hours TIS or 12 months, whichever occurs first, remove each crosstube and inspect it for cracks. Replace any cracked crosstube with an airworthy crosstube before further flight.

Note: Aeronautical Accessories, Inc. Alert Service Bulletin No. AA-03121, dated October 25, 2004, pertains to the subject of this AD.

- (b) To request a different method of compliance or a different compliance time for this AD, follow the procedures in 14 CFR 39.19. Contact the Rotorcraft Certification Office, Rotorcraft Directorate, FAA, for information about previously approved alternative methods of compliance.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, on May 9, 2005.

David A. Downey,

Manager, Rotorcraft Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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[Docket No. RM01-5-000]

Electronic Tariff Filings

May 10, 2005.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of technical conference date change.

SUMMARY: The date of the staff technical conference on the electronic tariff and rate case filing software has been changed to June 1, 2005. This conference will address issues relating to the Commission's July 8, 2004 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking requiring electronic tariff filings (69 FR 43929).

DATES: June 1, 2005 Technical conference.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 in Hearing Room 1.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: H. Keith Pierce (Technical Information), Office of Markets, Tariffs, and Rates, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. (202) 502-8525. Keith.Pierce@ferc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Notice of Technical Conference Date Change to June 1, 2005

Take notice that the date of the staff technical conference in this docket has been changed to June 1, 2005. The conference will address the electronic tariff and rate case filing software that has been developed in connection with the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking requiring electronic tariff filings. *Electronic Tariff Filings, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, 69 FR 43929 (July 23, 2004) FERC Stats. & Regs., Proposed Regulations ¶ 32,575 (July 8, 2004).

The date of the technical conference has been changed to June 1 because

certain interest group members would not be able to attend the previously scheduled May 24, 2005 conference¹ and requested that the conference be rescheduled. All major trade associations for the gas, electric, and oil industries have been contacted and are comfortable with the June 1 date. The technical conference will be held from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. (EST) at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 in Hearing Room 1.

The Capitol Connection offers the opportunity for remote listening and viewing of the conference. It is available for a fee, live over the Internet, via C-Band Satellite. Persons interested in receiving the broadcast, or who need information on making arrangements should contact David Reininger or Julie Morelli at the Capitol Connection ((703) 993-3100) as soon as possible or visit the Capitol Connection Web site at <http://www.capitolconnection.gmu.edu> and click on "FERC".

The conference is open to the public to attend, and pre-registration is not required.

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For more information about this conference, please contact Keith Pierce, Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates at (202) 502-8525 or Keith.Pierce@ferc.gov.

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Deputy Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

18 CFR Parts 35, 37, and 38

[Docket No. RM05-5-000]

Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities

May 9, 2005.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is proposing to

amend its regulations to incorporate by reference standards promulgated by the North American Energy Standards Board's (NAESB's) Wholesale Electric Quadrant (WEQ) dealing with: Open Access Same-Time Information Systems (OASIS) business practice standards, including posting requirements for Order No. 2003 generator interconnection agreements and procedures; OASIS Standards and Communication Protocols and Data Dictionary; and business practice standards for Coordinate Interchange, Area Control Error (ACE) Equation Special Cases, Manual Time Error Correction, and Inadvertent Interchange Payback.

Incorporating these standards by reference into the Commission's regulations is intended to benefit wholesale electric customers by streamlining utility business practices and transactional processes and OASIS procedures and by adopting a formal ongoing process for reviewing and upgrading the Commission's OASIS standards and other electric industry business practices that would benefit from the implementation of generic industry standards. In addition, the proposal to adopt business practice standards for Coordinate Interchange, ACE Equation Special Cases, Manual Time Error Correction, and Inadvertent Interchange Payback are intended to complement the Version 0 Reliability Standards of the North American Electric Reliability Council.

DATES: Comments on the proposed rule are due July 1, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be filed electronically via the eFiling link on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Commenters unable to file comments electronically must send an original and 14 copies of their comments to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC, 20426. Refer to the Comment Procedures section of the preamble for additional information on how to file comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8321.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) proposes to amend its regulations under the Federal Power Act to incorporate by reference certain standards promulgated by the North American Energy Standards Board's (NAESB's) Wholesale Electric Quadrant (WEQ) that implement, with modifications, the Commission's existing Open Access Same-Time Information Systems (OASIS) Business Practice Standards and OASIS Standards and Communication Protocols and Data Dictionary requirements. In addition, the Commission proposes to incorporate by reference NAESB's business practice standards on Coordinate Interchange, Area Control Error (ACE) Equation Special Cases, Manual Time Error Correction, and Inadvertent Interchange Payback that complement the Version 0 Reliability Standards of the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC).

2. Incorporating these standards by reference into the Commission's regulations is intended to benefit wholesale electric customers by streamlining utility business practices and transactional processes and OASIS procedures and by adopting a formal ongoing process for reviewing and upgrading the Commission's OASIS standards as well as other electric industry business practices that would benefit from the implementation of generic industry standards.

I. Background

3. When the Commission developed its OASIS regulations, OASIS Standards and Communication Protocols, Data Dictionary, and Business Practice Standards, it relied heavily on the assistance provided by all segments of the wholesale electric power industry and its customers in the ad hoc working groups that came together and offered consensus proposals for the Commission's consideration. While this process was very successful, it became apparent to the Commission that ongoing issues remained that would be better addressed by an ongoing industry group dedicated to drafting consensus industry standards to implement the Commission's OASIS-related policies and policies on other industry business practices that would benefit from the implementation of generic industry standards rather than by continued reliance on an ad hoc approach.

¹ See 70 FR 23945 (May 6, 2005).