DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Aviation Administration

Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; BNSF Railway Company

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jackie E. Watson.

Petition for Exemption

Docket No.: FAA–2015–1418

Petitioner: BNSF Railway Company.

Section(s) of 14 CFR Affected: §§ 61.121, 91.151(a)(1), 91.405(a), 91.407(a)(4), 91.409(a)(1)(2), and 91.417(a)(b).

Description of Relief Sought: The petitioner is requesting to amend Exemption No. 11206 to allow changes to Condition and Limitations #5 and #6 (to allow operations within VLOS of either the PIC or the VO), #16 (to allow the PIC to possess an airline transport, commercial, private, recreational, or pilot certificate, as well as a current FAA airmen medical certificate or a valid U.S. driver’s license), #18 (to allow operations at night), #20 (to allow operations during inclement weather and operations of UAS in Class G airspace applying the VFR limits in 14 CFR 91.155), #29 (to allow operations from a moving vehicle), and #31 (to allow operations within 500 feet from non-participating vehicles).

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Director, Office of Rulemaking.

Petition For Exemption

Docket No.: FAA–2015–1418

Petitioner: Jackie E. Watson.

Section(s) of 14 CFR Affected: §§ 61.121, 61.56(a)(1), 61.56(c)(2), and 91.126 through 91.145.
**Description of Relief Sought:** Petitioner seeks to amend Exemption No. 12077 for relief from Condition and Limitation #13 regarding Pilot in Command requirements to operate an unmanned aircraft system (UAS) for aerial data collection.

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**Submission Deadline for Schedule Information for Chicago O'Hare International Airport, John F. Kennedy International Airport, Los Angeles International Airport, Newark Liberty International Airport, and San Francisco International Airport for the Winter 2016 Scheduling Season**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice, Schedule submission deadline.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA announces the submission deadline of May 19, 2016, for winter 2016 flight schedules at Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD), John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK), Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR), and San Francisco International Airport (SFO) in accordance with the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Worldwide Slot Guidelines (WSG) and FAA airport level designations. The deadline coincides with the schedule submission deadline for the IATA Slot Conference for the winter 2016 scheduling season.

**DATES:** Schedules must be submitted no later than May 19, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Schedules may be submitted by mail to the Slot Administration Office, AGC–200, Office of the Chief Counsel, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591; or by email to: 7-AWA-slotadmin@faa.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Susan Pfingstler, System Operations Services, Air Traffic Organization, Federal Aviation Administration, 600 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone number: 202–267–6462; email: susan.pfingstler@faa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA has designated EWR, LAX, ORD, and SFO as IATA Level 2, schedule facilitated airports.¹ JFK is designated as an IATA Level 3, slot controlled airport.² At the Level 2 airports, proposed schedules are reviewed by the FAA to address significant, potential congestion before schedules are final. A runway slot is required from the FAA at JFK, a Level 3 airport, before a carrier operates during the slot controlled hours.

The FAA is primarily concerned about scheduled and other regularly conducted commercial operations during peak hours, but carriers may submit schedule plans for the entire day. At ORD, the peak hours are 0700 to 2100 Central Time (1300 to 0300 UTC), at LAX and SFO from 0600 to 2300 Pacific Time (1400 to 0700 UTC), and at EWR and JFK from 0600 to 2300 Eastern Time (1100 to 0400 UTC). The FAA prefers schedule messages with the format and data elements in IATA Standard Schedules Information Manual (SSIM), Chapter 6, as recommended in the WSG. The FAA will also accept other mutually agreed schedule information formats; however, carriers should submit schedule information in sufficient detail including, at minimum, the operating carrier, flight number, scheduled time of operation, frequency, and effective dates.

The winter scheduling season is from October 30, 2016, through March 25, 2017, consistent with the IATA northern winter season. The FAA understands there may be differences in schedule times due to U.S. daylight saving time and will accommodate these differences to the extent possible.

Carriers operating at JFK or LAX should consider the potential impacts of runway construction projects as they develop schedules, block times and other factors. The FAA has been working with the airport operators, airlines, and other stakeholders to develop plans to utilize available capacity and mitigate delays during construction.

JFK will have construction in 2017 on Runway 4R/22L. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ), the airport operator, is currently considering the scope and staging plans for rehabilitation of the runway and expects to soon finalize plans. Depending on the final construction schedule, the runway may be closed beginning approximately February 27. The closure and other construction impacts could affect operations during the last few weeks of the winter 2016 scheduling season and into the summer 2017 and winter 2017 scheduling seasons.

LAX will undergo construction on Runway 7L/25R for runway safety areas and rehabilitation beginning in October 2016. Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), the airport operator, expects to shorten the runway in October for approximately 3.5 months followed by a four month closure from January to May 2017.

On April 6, the FAA announced in the Federal Register (81 FR 19861) that the EWR airport level designation will change from Level 3 to Level 2 effective with the winter 2016 scheduling season. Although there is available runway capacity throughout the day, the FAA strongly encourages carriers to propose reasonable schedules, recognizing there is limited runway and airport capacity available for new flights or existing flights retimed to certain hours. Carriers will be asked to consider alternative schedule times if proposed demand exceeds capacity, which is likely to occur during the busiest early morning, late afternoon, and evening hours.

The PANYNJ is considering the process for reviewing EWR gate and terminal availability. This is in addition to its previously established review under the IATA WSG process for Terminal B international passenger flights. The FAA expects to work with the PANYNJ as it considers gate and terminal availability and how that might impact the FAA’s review of schedules for runway availability. Carriers should submit information directly to the PANYNJ for airport terminal or gate issues.

The FAA reviewed the historical airport runway capacity levels over several years of operations including hourly data for each weekday. This analysis considered the actual air traffic control (ATC) established arrival and departure rates, the number of actual operations in an hour if it exceeded the projected ATC rate for that particular hour, runway configurations, weather, aircraft fleet mix, and other operating conditions. For the winter months, the data show the average hourly runway adjusted capacity for the previous similar winter seasons is approximately 70 total operations. The limit FAA established in the EWR Order in 2007, which was derived using peak summer