DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. 2018–13]

Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; American Airlines, Inc.

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public’s awareness of, and participation in, the FAA’s exemption process. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of the petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on this petition must identify the petition docket number and must be received on or before April 30, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Send comments identified by docket number FAA–2015–3491 using any of the following methods:
• Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to http://www.regulations.gov and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.
• Mail: Send comments to Docket Operations, M–30; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12–140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590–0001.
• Hand Delivery or Courier: Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12–140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
• Fax: Fax comments to Docket Operations at 202–493–2251.

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Lirio Liu,
Executive Director, Office of Rulemaking.

Petition for Exemption


Petitioner: American Airlines, Inc.

Section(s) of 14 CFR Affected: § 93.123(a).

Description of Relief Sought: American Airlines, Inc. (“American”) requests an extension of Exemption 15867, which exempts American’s nonstop service between Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) and Lansing, Michigan’s Capital Region International Airport (LANS) from the slot requirements at DCA. The exemption expires on June 29, 2018. American requests an extension of the exemption until October 29, 2019.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. 2018–21]

Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; Vieques Air Link, Inc.

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public’s awareness of, and participation in, the FAA’s exemption process. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of the petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on this petition must identify the petition docket number and must be received on or before April 20, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Send comments identified by docket number FAA–2018–0207 using any of the following methods:
• Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to http://www.regulations.gov and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.
• Mail: Send comments to Docket Operations, M–30; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12–140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590–0001.
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nia Daniels, (202) 267–7626, Office of Rulemaking, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591.

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Executive Director, Office of Rulemaking.

Petition for Exemption


Petitioner: Vieques Air Link, Inc.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: § 135.243(a)(1).

Description of Relief Sought: Vieques Air Link, Inc. (VAL) requests relief from 14 CFR 135.243(a)(1). This section requires a pilot serving as a pilot in command of a part 135 commuter operation to hold an airline transport pilot certificate. The petitioner proposes to permit a VAL pilot in command to hold a commercial pilot certificate with multiengine airplane and instrument
ratings, minimally have 750 hours of flight time, and 100 hours of cross country time of which 25 hours must be at night. The petitioner proposes to limit the scheduled flights to visual flight rules, scheduled duration of 30 minutes or less and less than 50 nautical miles. VAL operates a small regional airline providing transportation between Puerto Rico’s contiguous islands of Vieques and Culebra and the main island of Puerto Rico for critical services with limited other transportation options.

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Background
The Surface Transportation Project Delivery Program allows a State to assume FHWA’s environmental responsibilities for review, consultation, and compliance for Federal highway projects. This provision has been codified at 23 U.S.C. 327. Since December 16, 2014, TxDOT has assumed FHWA’s responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the responsibilities for reviews under other Federal environmental requirements under this authority.

Prior to December 4, 2015, 23 U.S.C. 327(g) required the Secretary to conduct semiannual audits during each of the first 2 years of State participation, annual audits during years 3 and 4, and monitoring each subsequent year of State participation to ensure compliance by each State participating in the program. The results of each audit were required to be presented in the form of an audit report and be made available for public comment. On December 4, 2015, the President signed into law the FAST Act, Public Law 114–94, 129 Stat. 1312 (2015). Section 1308 of the FAST Act amended the audit provisions by limiting the number of audits to one audit each year during the first 4 years of a State’s participation.

A draft version of this report was published in the Federal Register on December 14, 2017, at 82 FR 59206 and was available for public review can comment. The FHWA received seven responses during the 30-day public notice and comment period. None of the comments were substantive. The American Road and Transportation Builders Association voiced support of this program. The remaining six comments were unrelated to this report. This notice finalizes the findings of the fourth audit report for TxDOT’s participation in the Surface Transportation Project Delivery Program.