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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Approval No. 2106-0035.

Title: Foreign Air Carrier Application for Statement of Authorization.

Form No.: Form OST 4540.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Foreign Air Carriers.

Number of Respondents: Approximately 100.

Estimated Time per Response: 2.25 hours per application.

Total Annual Burden: 1,000 hours.

Abstract: Applicants use Form OST 4540 to request statements of authorization to conduct numerous types of operations authorized under Title 14, CFR part 212. The form requires basic information regarding the carrier(s) conducting the operation, the party filing the form, the operations being conducted, the number of third- and fourth-freedom flights conducted in the last twelve-month period, and certification of reciprocity from the carrier's homeland government. DOT analysts will use the information collected to determine if applications for fifth-freedom operations meet the public interest requirements necessary to authorize such applications.

Burden Statement: We estimate that the industry-wide total hour burden for this collection to be approximately 1,000 hours or approximately 2.25 hours per application. Conservatively, we estimate the compilation of background information will require 1.75 hours, and the completion and submission of OST Form 4540 will require thirty (30) minutes.

Reporting the number of third- and fourth-freedom operations conducted by an applicant carrier will require collection of flight data, and detailed analysis to determine which flights conducted by the carrier are third- and fourth-freedom. Applicants should be able to use data collected for the Department's T-100 program to provide this information (under this program, carriers are required periodically to compile and report certain traffic data to the Department, as more fully described in the Docket referenced in footnote 1 below). The Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) provide carriers with a computer program that allows them to compile and monitor, among other things, flight origin and destination data, to be used in making the carriers'

T-100 submissions.¹ We estimated that carriers will require 1.25 hours per application² to compile and analyze the data necessary to disclose the number of third- and fourth-freedom flights conducted within the twelve-month period preceding the filing of an application.

Foreign carriers will also have to provide evidence that their homeland government will afford reciprocity to U.S. carriers seeking authority for the similar fifth-, sixth- and seventh-freedom operations. Carriers may cite certifications submitted by carriers from the same homeland if that homeland issued such certification within the preceding six-month period. Approximately 100 carriers from roughly 30 distinct homelands use OST Form 4540 to apply for statements of authorization annually. We estimate that one foreign carrier from any given homeland will expend roughly 4 hours every six-months to obtain certification from its homeland governments.³ We have apportioned 30 minutes to each application to account for the time required to obtain certifications from homeland governments.

We have no empirical data to indicate how much time is required for a person to complete OST Form 4540; however, anecdotal evidence reveals that respondents spend thirty (30) minutes or less completing the form and brief justification. In some cases, respondents spend a limited amount of time, less than ten (10) minutes, reviewing the form before sending it via facsimile or e-mail to the Department. In the interest of providing a conservative estimate so as to not understate the burden hours, we estimate the hour burden for completing OST Form 4540 as thirty (30) minutes.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is

¹ The rule-making associated with the T-100 program can be found on the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at <http://www.regulations.gov>, in Docket DOT-OST-1998-4043. Information regarding burden hours is on file in the Office of Aviation Analysis (X-50).

² The Office of Aviation Analysis (X-50) estimated that small-carriers would require 1 burden hour per report, and large carriers would require 3 burden hours per report to analyze and report T-100 program data. Considering that the data required in this information collection can be derived from data already collected, we have taken an average of the estimated time required, and conservatively shortened the time by 45 minutes because no new data entry will be required.

³ Calculation: (4 burden hours per application) × (30 foreign homelands) × (2 requests per year) = 240 annual burden hours. Apportioning 240 annual burden hours equally among an average of 430 applications annually = approximately 30 burden minutes per application.

necessary for the Office of the Secretary's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for the Office of the Secretary to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Issued in Washington, DC on December 1, 2008.

Tracey M. Jackson,

Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart B (Formerly Subpart Q)

Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart B (formerly Subpart Q) during the Week Ending October 31, 2008. The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart B (formerly Subpart Q) of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 301.201 *et seq.*). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.

Docket Number: DOT-OST-2008-0314.

Date Filed: October 28, 2008.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion To Modify Scope: November 18, 2008.

Description: Application of Avolar Aerolineas, S.A. de C.V. ("Avolar") requesting an exemption and foreign air carrier permit authorizing Avolar (1) to provide scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between Los Angeles and San Jose

del Cabo and Oakland and Tijuana, and (2) to conduct charters.

Docket Number: DOT-OST-2008-0318.

Date Filed: October 31, 2008.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion To Modify Scope: November 21, 2008.

Description: Application of Air Excursions, LLC requesting a certificate of public convenience and necessity to transport passengers, property and mail in interstate air transportation.

Renee V. Wright,

Program Manager, Docket Operations, Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Agency Information Collection Activity Seeking OMB Approval

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) revision of a current information collection. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on September 19, 2008, vol. 73, no. 183, page 54448-54449. The FAA would amend the regulations governing flight data recorders to increase the number of digital flight data recorder parameters for certain Boeing airplanes.

DATES: Please submit comments by January 5, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carla Mauney at Carla.Mauney@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

Title: Revisions to Digital Flight Data Recorder Regulations for Boeing 737 Airplanes and All Part 125 Airplanes.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved Collection.

OMB Control Number: 2120-0616.

Form(s): There are no FAA forms associated with this collection.

Affected Public: An estimated 2,960 Respondents.

Frequency: This information is collected on occasion.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: This is a passive information collection activity. Responses are

recorded automatically in the aircraft's digital flight data recorder.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: An estimated 1 hour annually.

Abstract: The FAA would amend the regulations governing flight data recorders to increase the number of digital flight data recorder parameters for certain Boeing airplanes. This change is based on safety recommendations from the National Transportation Safety Board following its investigations of two accidents and several incidents involving 737s.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the attention of the Desk Officer, Department of Transportation/(FAA), and sent via electronic mail to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov, or faxed to (202) 395-6974, or mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimates of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 24, 2008.

Carla Mauney,

FAA Information Collection Clearance Officer, IT Enterprises Business Services Division, AES-200.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent To Rule on Request To Release Airport Property at the Killeen-Skylark Field, Killeen, TX

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of request to release airport property.

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to rule and invite public comment on the release of land at the Killeen-Skylark Field under the provisions of Section 125 of the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment Reform Act for the 21st Century (AIR 21).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 5, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered to the FAA at the following address: Mr. Mike Nicely, Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Airports Division, Texas Airports Development Office, ASW-650, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0650.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. John W. Sutton, Director of Aviation, at the following address: 8101 Clear Creek Road, Box C, Killeen, Texas 76549-2557.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Steven Cooks, Program Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Texas Airports Development Office, ASW-650, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0650, Telephone: (817) 222-5608, e-mail: Steven.Cooks@faa.gov, fax: (817) 222-5989.

The request to release property may be reviewed in person at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA invites public comment on the request to release property at the Killeen-Skylark Field under the provisions of the AIR 21.

The following is a brief overview of the request:

The City of Killeen requests the release of 15.058 acres of non-aeronautical airport property. This property was incorporated into the airport by an agreement with the FAA in 1988. The property to be released will be sold to allow for future development and maintenance of the airport.

Any person may inspect the request in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents relevant to the application in person at the Killeen-Skylark Field, telephone number (254) 501-6100.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas on October 9, 2008.

Kelvin Solco,

Manager, Airports Division.

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