

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of a New Approval of Information Collection: Helicopter Air Ambulance Operator Reports**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for a new information collection. The FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 included a mandate to begin collection of operational data from Air Ambulance operators. FAA is to summarize the data and report to Congress no later than February 14, 2014, and annually thereafter.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by September 30, 2013.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathy DePaepe at (405) 954-9362, or by email at: [Kathy.A.DePaepe@faa.gov](mailto:Kathy.A.DePaepe@faa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Control Number:* 2120-XXXX.

*Title:* Helicopter Air Ambulance Operator Reports.

*Form Numbers:* There are no FAA forms associated with this collection.

*Type of Review:* Clearance of a new information collection.

*Background:* The FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 mandates that all helicopter air ambulance operators must begin reporting the number of flights and hours flown, along with other specified information, during which helicopters operated by the certificate holder were providing helicopter air ambulance services. The helicopter air ambulance operational data provided to the FAA will be used by the agency as background information useful in the development of risk mitigation strategies to reduce the currently unacceptably high helicopter air ambulance accident rate, and to meet the mandates set by Congress.

*Respondents:* 73 helicopter air ambulance certificate holders.

*Frequency:* Information is collected quarterly.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* 6 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 2,352 hours.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the FAA at the following address: Ms. Kathy

DePaepe, Room 126B, Federal Aviation Administration, AES-200, 6500 S. MacArthur Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73169.

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) 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.

Issued in Washington, DC, on July 24, 2013.

**Albert R. Spence,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of a New Approval of Information Collection: Information Regarding Ferry Flights in On-Demand Operations**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for a new information collection. The collection involves an assessment of the number of ferry flights typically conducted by on-demand air carriers and the costs associated with those flights. The information to be collected will be used to conduct a benefit cost analysis in connection with rulemaking as required by Congress.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by September 30, 2013.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Martin Zhu at (202) 267-4110 or by email at: [martin.zhu@faa.gov](mailto:martin.zhu@faa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Control Number:* 2120-XXXX.

*Title:* Information Regarding Ferry Flights in On-Demand Operations.

*Form Numbers:* There are no FAA forms associated with this specific collection of information.

*Type of Review:* Clearance of a new information collection.

*Background:* In response to the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (Pub. L. 112-95), the FAA will initiate a rulemaking to change part 91 tail-end ferry flight limitations and rest requirements. The rule would apply part 135 flight limitations and rest requirements to today's part 91 tail-end ferry flights (a part 91 flight following the last part 135 flight in a duty period). The FAA will use the results of this collection of information as the basis for the cost and benefit estimate of the proposed rule. The FAA requests your comments on the proposed questions below in order to help assess costs.

**Survey Questions**

1. How many total part 135 operations do you have annually?

2. For comparative purposes, how many airplanes are flown in your part 135 services?

3. How many tail-end ferry flights flown under part 91 would be curtailed if pilots need to fly under part 135 of rest and duty requirements?

4. What percentage of these tail-end ferry flights would be accounted as single-pilot flights?

5. Would another crewmember fly the airplane to its destination?

6. What would be the average cost of tail-end ferries flown under part 91 rules?

7. What would be the average cost of tail-end ferries flown under part 135 rest and duty rules?

8. Please itemize key cost-drivers to comply with the proposed rule.

*Respondents:* Part 135 operators conducting part 91 tail-end ferry flight. We estimate 2,155 of part 135 operators have such operations.

*Frequency:* One time.

*Estimated Average Burden per*

*Response:* 60 minutes.

*Estimated Total One-Time Burden:* 2,155 hours.

**ADDRESSES:** Send electronic or written comments to the FAA at the following address: Mr. Martin Zhu ([martin.zhu@faa.gov](mailto:martin.zhu@faa.gov)), Room 935, Federal Aviation Administration, APO-300, 800 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20591.

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity

of the information collection; and (d) 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2013-0313]

#### Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operation; Application for an Exemption From Help, Inc.

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of application for exemption; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA requests public comment on an application for exemption from Help, Inc. to allow its transponder systems to be mounted on commercial motor vehicles lower in the windshield than is currently permitted by the Agency's regulations in order to utilize a mounting location that maximizes the device's ability to send and receive roadside data. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) currently require antennas, transponders, and similar devices to be located not more than 6 inches below the upper edge of the windshield, outside the area swept by the windshield wipers, and outside the driver's sight lines to the road and highway signs and signals. Help, Inc. believes that mounting the transponder lower in the windshield will maximize a driver's external view of the roadway.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before August 30, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT DMS Docket Number FMCSA-2013-0313 by any of the following methods:

- **Web site:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the Federal electronic docket site.
- **Fax:** 1-202-493-2251.
- **Mail:** Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey

Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

• **Hand Delivery:** Ground Floor, Room W12-140, DOT Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**Instructions:** All submissions must include the Agency name and docket number for this notice. For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information on the exemption process, see the "Public Participation" heading below. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the "Privacy Act" heading for further information.

**Docket:** For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> or to Room W12-140, DOT Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**Privacy Act:** Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19476) or you may visit <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**Public participation:** The <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site is generally available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. You can get electronic submission and retrieval help and guidelines under the "help" section of the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site and also at the DOT's <http://docketsinfo.dot.gov> Web site. If you want us to notify you that we received your comments, please include a self addressed, stamped envelope or postcard or print the acknowledgement page that appears after submitting comments online.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Brian J. Routhier, Vehicle and Roadside Operations Division, Office of Bus and Truck Standards and Operations, MC-PSV, (202) 366-1225; Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Section 4007 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-

21) [Pub. L. 105-178, June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 401] amended 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31136(e) to provide authority to grant exemptions from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs). On August 20, 2004, FMCSA published a final rule (69 FR 51589) implementing section 4007. Under this rule, FMCSA must publish a notice of each exemption request in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(a)). The Agency must provide the public with an opportunity to inspect the information relevant to the application, including any safety analyses that have been conducted. The Agency must also provide an opportunity for public comment on the request.

The Agency reviews the safety analyses and the public comments and determines whether granting the exemption would likely achieve a level of safety equivalent to or greater than the level that would be achieved by the current regulation (49 CFR 381.305).

The decision of the Agency must be published in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(b)). If the Agency denies the request, it must state the reason for doing so. If the decision is to grant the exemption, the notice must specify the person or class of persons receiving the exemption and the regulatory provision or provisions from which an exemption is granted. The notice must also specify the effective period of the exemption (up to 2 years) and explain the terms and conditions of the exemption. The exemption may be renewed (49 CFR 381.315(c) and 49 CFR 381.300(b)).

#### Help, Inc. Application for Exemption

Help, Inc. applied for an exemption from 49 CFR 393.60(e)(1) to allow the installation of transponders on its customer's commercial motor vehicles in a location that is lower than currently allowed under the regulation. Section 393.60(e)(1) of the FMCSRs prohibits the obstruction of the driver's field of view by devices mounted on the windshield. Antennas, transponders and similar devices must not be mounted more than 152 mm (6 inches) below the upper edge of the windshield. These devices must be located outside the area swept by the windshield wipers and outside the driver's sight lines to the road, highway signs and signals.

In its application, Help Inc. states:

Help, Inc. is making this request because we are coordinating device development and installation of PrePass transponder in up to 430,000 commercial motor vehicles. The 5.9 and toll transponder equipment installed is located at the bottom of the windshield, but within the swept area of windshield because the safety equipment must have a clear forward facing view of the road, and low