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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### 10 CFR Part 900

[DOE-HQ-2023-0050]

RIN 1901-AB62

### Coordination of Federal Authorizations for Electric Transmission Facilities

**AGENCY:** Grid Deployment Office, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notification of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** On August 16, 2023, the Department of Energy's (DOE) Grid Deployment Office published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPR) to propose amendments to its regulations for the timely coordination of Federal authorizations for proposed interstate electric transmission facilities pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA). This document announces a public meeting to be held on August 23, 2023, to discuss the proposal.

**DATES:** DOE will hold a public meeting via webinar on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, from 1:30 p.m. ET to 3:00 p.m. ET. Requests to speak during the meeting must be submitted via the registration page no later than Tuesday, August 22, 2023. See the "Public Participation" section for webinar registration information, participant instructions, and information about the capabilities available to webinar participants. DOE will accept comments, data, and information regarding the NPR no later than Monday, October 2, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are encouraged to submit comments on the NPR using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) under docket number DOE-HQ-2023-0050. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Alternatively, interested persons may submit comments, identified by docket number DOE-HQ-2023-0050 and/or Regulation Identification Number (RIN) 1901-AB62, by any of the following methods:

- **Email:** [CITAP@hq.doe.gov](mailto:CITAP@hq.doe.gov). Include the docket number DOE-HQ-2023-0050

and/or RIN 1901-AB62 in the subject line of the email.

- **Postal mail:** Address written comments to U.S. Department of Energy, Grid Deployment Office, 4H-065, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585.

- **Hand Delivery/Courier:** U.S. Department of Energy, Grid Deployment Office, 4H-065, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585.

**Docket:** The docket for this activity, which includes **Federal Register** notices, comments, and other supporting documents/materials, is available for review at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) under docket number DOE-HQ-2023-0050. All documents in the docket are listed in the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) index. However, some documents listed in the index, such as those containing information that is exempt from public disclosure, may not be publicly available.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Liza Reed, U.S. Department of Energy, Grid Deployment Office, 4H-065, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585. Telephone: (202) 586-2006. Email: [CITAP@hq.doe.gov](mailto:CITAP@hq.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOE published a NPR on August 16, 2023, in which DOE proposed amendments to 10 CFR part 900 to establish a Coordinated Interagency Transmission Authorizations and Permits Program (CITAP Program) that will reduce the time required for electric transmission project developers to receive decisions on Federal authorizations for electric transmission projects. (88 FR 55826) In the proposed rulemaking, DOE sought comment from interested persons. DOE announces in this document that it will hold a public meeting via webinar to discuss the NPR on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, from 1:30 p.m. ET to 3:00 p.m. ET.

### Public Participation

#### A. Participation in the Webinar

The time and date for the webinar meeting are listed in the **DATES** section at the beginning of this document. Webinar registration information, participant instructions, and information about the capabilities available to webinar participants are published on DOE's website: <https://www.energy.gov/gdo/events/august-23->

*coordinated-interagency-transmission-authorization-and-permits-webinar*. The public meeting will be held via the WebEx Webinar Platform. Participants are responsible for ensuring their systems are compatible with the webinar software. Requests to speak during the meeting must be submitted via the registration page no later than August 22, 2023.

#### B. Conduct of the Webinar

DOE will designate a DOE official to preside at the webinar and may also use a professional facilitator to aid discussion. A court reporter will be present to record the proceedings and prepare a transcript. DOE reserves the right to schedule the order of presentations and to establish the procedures governing the conduct of the webinar. There shall not be discussion of proprietary information, costs or prices, market share, or other commercial matters regulated by U.S. anti-trust laws. After the webinar and until the end of the comment period, interested parties may submit further comments on the proceedings and any aspect of the proposed rulemaking. During the meeting, DOE will present a general overview of the topics addressed in the NPR and allow time for statements by participants who requested the opportunity to speak at the meeting. Speakers will be limited to two minutes during the meeting. The presiding official will announce any further procedural rules or modification of the above procedures that may be needed for the proper conduct of the webinar.

A transcript of the webinar will be included in the docket, which can be viewed as described in the *Docket* section at the beginning of this document.

### Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on August 16, 2023, by Maria D. Robinson, Director of the Grid Deployment Office, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for

publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on August 16, 2023.

**Treena V. Garrett,**

*Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2023-1648; Project Identifier AD-2022-01501-T]

RIN 2120-AA64

#### Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** The FAA proposes to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain The Boeing Company Model 787-8, 787-9, and 787-10 airplanes. This proposed AD was prompted by a reported quality escapement where the seat track fitting nuts were under-torqued on some flight attendant seats in production. This proposed AD requires re-torquing each free standing attendant seat track fitting nut. The FAA is proposing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

**DATES:** The FAA must receive comments on this proposed AD by October 6, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments, using the procedures found in 14 CFR 11.43 and 11.45, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to *regulations.gov*. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.

- *Mail:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

- *Hand Delivery:* Deliver to Mail address above between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

*AD Docket:* You may examine the AD docket at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA-2023-1648; or in person at Docket Operations between 9 a.m. and

5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this NPRM, any comments received, and other information. The street address for Docket Operations is listed above.

**Material Incorporated by Reference:**

- For service information identified in this NPRM, contact Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Attention: Contractual & Data Services (C&DS), 2600 Westminister Blvd., MC 110 SK57, Seal Beach, CA 90740-5600; telephone 562-797-1717; website *myboeingfleet.com*.

- You may view this service information at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206-231-3195.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Tony Koung, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA; phone: 206-231-3985; email: *Tony.Koung@faa.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Comments Invited**

The FAA invites you to send any written relevant data, views, or arguments about this proposal. Send your comments to an address listed under **ADDRESSES**. Include “Docket No. FAA-2023-1648; Project Identifier AD-2022-01501-T” at the beginning of your comments. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the proposal, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting data. The FAA will consider all comments received by the closing date and may amend this proposal because of those comments.

Except for Confidential Business Information (CBI) as described in the following paragraph, and other information as described in 14 CFR 11.35, the FAA will post all comments received, without change, to *regulations.gov*, including any personal information you provide. The agency will also post a report summarizing each substantive verbal contact received about this NPRM.

**Confidential Business Information**

CBI is commercial or financial information that is both customarily and actually treated as private by its owner. Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. 552), CBI is exempt from public disclosure. If your comments responsive to this NPRM contain commercial or financial information that is customarily treated as private, that you actually treat as

private, and that is relevant or responsive to this NPRM, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Please mark each page of your submission containing CBI as “PROPIN.” The FAA will treat such marked submissions as confidential under the FOIA, and they will not be placed in the public docket of this NPRM. Submissions containing CBI should be sent to Tony Koung, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; phone: 206-231-3985; email: *Tony.Koung@faa.gov*. Any commentary that the FAA receives that is not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket for this rulemaking.

**Background**

The FAA has received a report indicating Boeing found a quality escapement where the seat track fitting nuts were under-torqued on some flight attendant seats in production. One flight attendant seat was discovered to be loose after final installation, and a subsequent production line check found similarly under-torqued fitting nuts on other airplanes. An investigation revealed that the attachment nuts were torqued using a yoke-type U-joint adapter, which is not allowed for final torque, as using these adapters can result in inaccurate torque values. While the attachment nuts should be torqued to 140-150 in-lbs, the inspections found a few fitting nuts that were only finger tight (essentially zero torque), and many fitting nuts that were torqued only to the 30-130 in-lbs range. This condition, if not addressed, could result in the forward facing flight attendant seats breaking free in a high load event, causing injury to the flight attendants and blocking the exits during emergency egress.

**FAA’s Determination**

The FAA is issuing this NPRM after determining that the unsafe condition described previously is likely to exist or develop on other products of the same type design.

**Related Service Information Under 14 CFR Part 51**

The FAA reviewed Boeing Service Letter 787-SL-25-025, dated September 6, 2022. This service information specifies procedures for re-torquing each free standing attendant seat track fitting nut to 140-150 in-lbs. This service information is reasonably available because the interested parties have access to it through their normal course of business or by the means identified in **ADDRESSES**.