

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

■ 2. The FAA amends § 39.13 by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

2024–16–18 Bombardier, Inc.: Amendment 39–22824; Docket No. FAA–2024–1479; Project Identifier MCAI–2023–00657–T.

(a) Effective Date

This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective October 30, 2024.

(b) Affected ADs

None.

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to Bombardier, Inc., Model BD–100–1A10 airplanes, certificated in any category, having serial numbers (S/Ns) 20002 through 20912 inclusive.

(d) Subject

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code America Code 54, Nacelles/Pylons.

(e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by a determination that new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations are necessary. The FAA is issuing this AD to address potential failures of the aft engine mount attachment bolt, part number MS21250–07. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could lead to the detachment of the engine from the airplane, which could contribute to a catastrophic failure.

(f) Compliance

Comply with this AD within the compliance times specified, unless already done.

(g) Maintenance or Inspection Program Revision

Within 60 days after the effective date of this AD, revise the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate the information specified in paragraphs (g)(1) and (2) of this AD, as applicable. The initial compliance time for doing the tasks is at the time specified in the applicable time limit/maintenance check (TLMC) document specified in paragraphs (g)(1) and (2) of this AD, or within 60 days after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later.

(1) For airplane S/Ns 20002 through 20500 inclusive: Task 54–51–00–111* “Discard of the Aft Engine Mount Bolts, Part No. MS21250–07, Non-Serialized,” Section 5–10–10 “Life Limits (Structures),” Part 2, “Airworthiness Limitations,” of the Bombardier Challenger 300 Time Limits/Maintenance Check, Publication No. CH 300 TLMC, Revision 24, dated August 9, 2023.

(2) For airplane S/Ns 20501 through 20912 inclusive: Task 54–51–00–111* “Discard of the Aft Engine Mount Bolts, Part No.

MS21250–07, Non-Serialized,” Section 5–10–10 “Life Limits (Structures),” Part 2 “Airworthiness Limitations,” of the Bombardier Challenger 350 Time Limits/Maintenance Check, Publication No. CH 350 TLMC, Revision 14, dated August 9, 2023.

Note 1 to paragraph (g): The asterisk (or “one star”) with the last three digits of the task numbers listed in paragraphs (g)(1) and (2) of this AD indicates that the task is an airworthiness limitation task.

(h) No Alternative Actions or Intervals

After the existing maintenance or inspection program has been revised as required by paragraph (g) of this AD, no alternative actions (e.g., inspections) or intervals may be used unless the actions or intervals, are approved as an alternative method of compliance in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (i)(1) of this AD.

(i) Other FAA AD Provisions

The following provisions also apply to this AD:

(1) *Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs):* The Manager, International Validation Branch, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or responsible Flight Standards Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the International Validation Branch, mail it to the address identified in paragraph (j) of this AD. Information may be emailed to: 9-AVS-NYACO-COS@faa.gov. Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the responsible Flight Standards Office.

(2) *Contacting the Manufacturer:* For any requirement in this AD to obtain instructions from a manufacturer, the instructions must be accomplished using a method approved by the Manager, International Validation Branch, FAA; or Transport Canada; or Bombardier, Inc.’s, Transport Canada Design Approval Organization (DAO). If approved by the DAO, the approval must include the DAO-authorized signature.

(j) Additional Information

For more information about this AD, contact Yaser Osman, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; telephone 516–228–7300; email 9-avs-nyaco-cos@faa.gov.

(k) Material Incorporated by Reference

(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of the material listed in this paragraph under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(2) You must use this material as applicable to do the actions required by this AD, unless this AD specifies otherwise.

(i) Task 54–51–00–111* “Discard of the Aft Engine Mount Bolts, Part No. MS21250–07, Non-Serialized,” Section 5–10–10 “Life Limits (Structures),” Part 2 “Airworthiness Limitations,” of the Bombardier Challenger 300 Time Limits/Maintenance Check, Publication No. CH 300 TLMC, Revision 24, dated August 9, 2023.

Note 2 to paragraph (k)(2)(i): The asterisk (or “one star”) with the last three digits of the task numbers listed in paragraphs (k)(2)(i) and (ii) of this AD indicates that the task is an airworthiness limitation task.

(ii) Task 54–51–00–111* “Discard of the Aft Engine Mount Bolts, Part No. MS21250–07, Non-Serialized,” Section 5–10–10 “Life Limits (Structures),” of Part 2 “Airworthiness Limitations,” of the Bombardier Challenger 350 Time Limits/Maintenance Check, Publication No. CH 350 TLMC, Revision 14, dated August 9, 2023.

(3) For Bombardier material identified in this AD, contact Bombardier Business Aircraft Customer Response Center, 400 Côte-Vertu Road West, Dorval, Québec H4S 1Y9, Canada; telephone 514–855–2999; email ac.yul@aero.bombardier.com; website bombardier.com.

(4) You may view this material 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.

(5) You may view this material at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, visit www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations or email fr.inspection@nara.gov.

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SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION**18 CFR Part 801****General Policies**

AGENCY: Susquehanna River Basin Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document contains rules that amend the regulations of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (Commission) to provide rules for agency procurement and bid protest procedures and for updating the general policies of the Commission to include climate change and environmental justice, revising the procedures regarding the adoption of the comprehensive plan and adding language to memorialize the Commission’s Dry Cooling Resolution.

DATES: This rule is effective September 25, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Susquehanna River Basin Commission, 4423 N Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110–1788.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A notice of proposed rulemaking was published in the **Federal Register** on March 21, 2024; *New York Register* on April 10, 2024; *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on April 13, 2024; and *Maryland Register* on April 5, 2024. The Commission convened a public hearing on May 2, 2024, to hear testimony on the proposed rulemaking. A written comment period was held open to May 13 and extended upon request to June 10, 2024.

During this official public comment period, only one comment was received. The commenter focused exclusively on the language added to new paragraph (d) in § 801.12 regarding dry cooling and electric power generation. The commenter asked that the nuclear power industry be wholly exempted from this requirement, stating that the Commission's regulatory review regulations at part 806 fully covered the use of water and impacts of water use by industry and that dry cooling was not practicable for nuclear power plants. The commenter also noted that the Commission did not provide a definition of "significantly modified power generation plants" in the rulemaking.

The Commission will continue to require the power generation industry, including the nuclear power industry, to evaluate water use and utilize readily available technologies to reduce water use. The Commission believes that smaller nuclear power plants may be able to use dry cooling and hybrid dry cooling systems in the future. In light of the comment, the Commission does amend the original language proposed in paragraph (d) of § 801.12 to focus on the requirement that project sponsors of power generation plants must evaluate their projected water use and consider all available and feasible technologies, including but not limited to dry cooling, that could lower overall consumptive use of water. This change broadens the focus not just on dry cooling but also on other technologies that may be more feasible for the nuclear power industry as well as the power generation industry as a whole. The Commission also added clarity on what a "significantly modified power plant" would be in the context of this paragraph.

The Commission received no other comments on any other aspects of the proposed rule or part 801 and therefore made no additional changes to the language in this final rule.

List of Subjects in 18 CFR Part 801

Administrative practice and procedure, Water resources.

Accordingly, for the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Susquehanna River Basin Commission amends 18 CFR part 801 as follows:

PART 801—GENERAL POLICIES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 801 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Secs. 3.1, 3.4, 3.5(1), 15.1 and 15.2, Pub. L. 91-575 (84 Stat. 1509 *et seq.*)

■ 2. Amend § 801.2 by revising paragraph (b)(9) to read as follows:

§ 801.2 Coordination, cooperation, and intergovernmental relations.

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(b) * * *

(9) Coordinate and cooperate with the appropriate agencies of a member jurisdiction on implementing actions to address resiliency in the face of changing climatic conditions and to support the aims of environmental justice.

■ 3. Revise § 801.5 to read as follows:

§ 801.5 Comprehensive plan.

(a) The Compact requires that the Commission formulate and adopt a comprehensive plan for the immediate and long-range development and use of the water resources of the basin.

(1) The plan will include existing and proposed public and private programs, projects, and facilities which are required, in the judgment of the Commission, to meet present and future water resources needs of the basin. Consideration shall be given to the effect of the plan, or any part of the plan, on the receiving waters of the Chesapeake Bay. The Commission shall consult with interested public bodies and public utilities and fully consider the findings and recommendations of the signatory parties, their various subdivisions and interested groups. Prior to adoption of the plan the Commission shall conduct at least one public hearing in each signatory State.

(2) The plan will reflect consideration of multiple objectives, including economic growth; sustainable regional development and environmental resilience; coordinated study and consideration of water quantity and water quality and the nexus with existing and proposed land uses; and the promotion of cooperation and collaboration between all levels of government and non-governmental entities.

(3) The Commission will strive to complete a comprehensive update of the

comprehensive plan every 20 years. If adjustments are needed during the life span of the plan to address emergent priorities, goals, or objectives, the comprehensive plan will be revised in accordance with requirements of the Compact.

(4) Projects requiring Commission review and approval will be included in the comprehensive plan after formal action is taken at Commission business meetings. Approved projects will be incorporated into the comprehensive plan and accessible via the Commission's Water Application and Approval Viewer or successor viewer applications.

(b) The comprehensive plan shall provide for the immediate and long-range use, development, conservation, preservation, and management of the water resources of the basin. The plan will be presented in a form and order as determined by the Commission and shall include but not be limited to the following:

(1) Statement of authority, purpose, objectives, and scope.

(2) Identification of priorities, goals, and objectives of the Commission.

(3) Inventory of the basin's water resources and existing developments, projects, and facilities.

(4) Projection of immediate and long-range water resources needs of the basin.

(5) Outline of plan implementation measures.

(6) Procedures for updating and modifying the plan.

(7) Necessary appendices.

■ 4. Amend § 801.12 by adding paragraph (d) to read as follows:

§ 801.12 Electric power generation.

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(d) Project sponsors proposing new or significantly modified power generation plants in the basin shall submit to the Commission for review an evaluation of their projected water use and consider all available and feasible technologies, including dry cooling, that could lower the consumptive use of water at the plant. For the purposes of this evaluation, a significantly modified power plant is one that is changing its fuel source or substantially increasing its consumptive use of water.

■ 5. Add § 801.15 to read as follows:

§ 801.15 Commission Procurement Procedures; Protests.

(a) *Procedures.* The Commission shall maintain a policy entitled "SRBC Procurement Procedures" that outlines the details and procedures related to the purchasing and procurement of goods and services by the Commission. Any

revisions to this policy shall be consistent with section 15.9 of the Compact and undertaken in accordance with appropriate public notice and comment consistent with the requirements of § 808.1.

(b) *Right to protest.* A bidder or offeror, a prospective bidder or offeror or a prospective contractor that is aggrieved in connection with the solicitation or award of a contract, may protest to the Commission in writing.

(c) *Filing of protest.* A protestant shall file the protest on a form and in a manner prescribed by the Commission. A protest shall be filed within ten calendar days after the aggrieved protestant knew or should have known of the facts giving rise to the protest, except that in no event may a protest be filed later than ten calendar days after the date the contract was awarded. The failure to file a timely protest shall be deemed as a waiver of the right to protest by any bidder or offeror, prospective bidder or offeror or a prospective contractor. Untimely filed protests shall be disregarded by the Commission. The Executive Director or his/her designee shall be the presiding officer to hear the bid protest. The awardee of the contract, if any, will be informed by the Commission of any bid protest that may affect the contract and the awardee may intervene as a party in any protest filed.

(d) *Contents of protest.* A protest shall state all the grounds upon which the protestant asserts the solicitation or award of the contract was improper. The protestant may submit with the protest any documents or information it deems relevant to the protest.

(e) *Response and reply.* Within 15 calendar days of receipt of a protest, the purchasing officer may submit to the presiding officer and the protestant a response to the protest, including any documents or information deemed relevant to the protest. The protestant may file a reply to the response within ten calendar days of the response.

(f) *Evaluation of protest.* The presiding officer shall review the protest and any response or reply and may request and review such additional documents or information as they deem relevant to render a decision and may, at their sole discretion, conduct a hearing consistent with § 808.3 of this chapter. All parties will be provided with a reasonable opportunity to review and address any additional documents or information deemed relevant by the presiding officer to render a decision. Additional documents and information deemed relevant by the presiding officer will be included in the record.

(g) *Findings and report.* Upon completing an evaluation of the protest, the presiding officer shall prepare a report of their findings and recommendations based on the record. The report shall be served by electronic mail or certified mail upon each party to the proceeding. Any party may file objections to the report. Such objections to the report shall be filed with the Commission and served on all parties within 20 calendar days after service of the report. A brief shall be filed together with the objections. Any replies to the objections and briefs will be filed and served on all parties within ten calendar days of service of the objections. Prior to its decision on such objections, the Commission may, in its sole discretion, grant a request for oral argument.

(h) *Action by the Commission.* The Commission will review the findings and recommendations of the presiding officer and the objections and render a determination. The Commission's determination will be in writing and will be served by electronic or certified mail upon each party to the proceeding.

(i) *Appeal.* Any final action by the Commission may be appealed to the appropriate United States District Court within 90 days as set forth in section 3.10(6) and Federal reservation (o) of the Compact.

(j) *Record of determination.* The Commission's record of determination for review by the court shall consist of the solicitation; the contract, if any; the administrative record of the protest before the presiding officer; the report of the presiding officer, along with any objections and replies filed; transcripts and exhibits, if any; and the final determination of the Board of Commissioners.

(k) *Stay of procurement during pendency of protest.* In the event a protest is filed timely under this section, the purchasing officer shall not proceed further with the solicitation or with the award of the contract unless and until the Executive Director makes a written determination that the protest is clearly without merit, or that award of the contract without delay is necessary to protect substantial interests of the Commission, or until the Commission enters a final determination under paragraph (h) of this section.

(l) *Exclusive procedure.* This section shall be the exclusive procedure for protesting a solicitation or award of a contract by a bidder or offeror, a prospective bidder or offeror or a prospective contractor that is aggrieved in connection with the solicitation or award of a contract by the Commission.

Dated: September 18, 2024.

Jason E. Oyler,

Secretary to the Commission.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

20 CFR Part 220

RIN 3220–AB68

Evidence of Disability

AGENCY: Railroad Retirement Board.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) amends its regulations regarding the submission of evidence in disability claims to require you to inform us or submit all evidence known to you that “relates to” your disability claim, with exceptions for privileged communications and duplicates. This requirement includes the duty to submit all evidence obtained from any source in its entirety, subject to one of these exceptions. These clarifications to our regulations describe in more detail the requirement for you to submit all evidence that relates to your disability claim, enables us to have a more complete case record which will allow us to make more accurate determinations of your disability status, and aligns our disability evidence requirements with regulations of the Social Security Administration (SSA).

DATES: This rule is effective November 25, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peter J. Orlowicz, Senior Counsel, (312) 751–4922, TTD (312) 751–4701, Peter.Orlowicz@rrb.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background Information

The RRB published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in the **Federal Register** on November 9, 2016 (81 FR 78757). The preamble to the NPRM discussed the changes from our current rules and our reasons for proposing those changes. In the NPRM, we proposed to clarify our regulations to require you to inform us about or submit all evidence known to you that relates to your disability claim, subject to two exceptions for certain privileged communications. We explained that this requirement would include the duty to submit all evidence from any source in its entirety, unless subject to one of these exceptions. We also proposed to require your representative to help you obtain the information or evidence that