

an independent agency in the judicial branch of the United States Government. The Commission promulgates sentencing guidelines and policy statements for federal sentencing courts pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(a). The Commission also periodically reviews and revises previously promulgated guidelines pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(o) and submits guideline amendments to the Congress not later than the first day of May each year pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(p).

The Commission provides this notice to identify tentative priorities for the amendment cycle ending May 1, 2009. The Commission recognizes, however, that other factors, such as the enactment of any legislation requiring Commission action, may affect the Commission's ability to complete work on any of the tentative priorities by the statutory deadline of May 1, 2009. Accordingly, it may be necessary to continue work on some of these issues beyond the amendment cycle ending on May 1, 2009.

As so prefaced, the Commission has identified the following tentative priorities:

(1) Continuation of its work on federal sentencing policy with the congressional, executive, and judicial branches of the government, and other interested parties, in light of *United States v. Booker* and subsequent Supreme Court decisions, possibly including (A) an evaluation of the impact of those decisions on the federal sentencing guideline system, (B) development of amendments to the federal sentencing guidelines, (C) development of recommendations for legislation regarding federal sentencing policy, and (D) a study of statutory mandatory minimum penalties;

(2) Consideration of alternatives to incarceration, including preparation and dissemination of information and materials from the "*Symposium on Crime and Punishment in the United States: Alternatives to Incarceration*," hosted by the Commission on July 14–15, 2008, in Washington, DC;

(3) Implementation of crime legislation enacted during the 110th or 111th Congress warranting a Commission response, including (A) the Court Security Improvement Act of 2007, Public Law 110–177; and (B) any other legislation authorizing statutory penalties or creating new offenses that requires incorporation into the guidelines;

(4) Continuation of its work with Congress and other interested parties on cocaine sentencing policy to implement the recommendations set forth in the Commission's 2002 and 2007 reports to

Congress, both entitled *Cocaine and Federal Sentencing Policy*, and to develop appropriate guideline amendments in response to any related legislation;

(5) A multi-year study of the definition of "crime of violence" used in both statutes and guidelines;

(6) Continuation of its efforts, in light of recent Supreme Court jurisprudence and pursuant to the Commission's ongoing authority and responsibility under 28 U.S.C. 995(a)(17), (18), and (21), to receive feedback and provide expanded training on the federal sentencing guidelines, including possibly holding regional public hearings;

(7) Resolution of circuit conflicts, pursuant to the Commission's continuing authority and responsibility, under 28 U.S.C. 991(b)(1)(B) and *Braxton v. United States*, 500 U.S. 344 (1991), to resolve conflicting interpretations of the guidelines by the federal courts; and

(8) Consideration of miscellaneous guideline application issues regarding (A) offenses involving counterfeit bearer obligations of the United States, (B) application of § 3C1.3 (Commission of Offense While on Release), and (C) other miscellaneous issues coming to the Commission's attention from case law and other sources.

The Commission hereby gives notice that it is seeking comment on these tentative priorities and on any other issues that interested persons believe the Commission should address during the amendment cycle ending May 1, 2009. Further, with respect to item (7), the Commission requests specific comment regarding what circuit conflict issues it should address. To the extent practicable, public comment should include the following: (1) A statement of the issue, including scope and manner of study, particular problem areas and possible solutions, and any other matters relevant to a proposed priority; (2) citations to applicable sentencing guidelines, statutes, case law, and constitutional decisions; and (3) a direct and concise statement of why the Commission should make the issue a priority.

Authority: 28 U.S.C. 994(a), (o); USSC Rules of Practice and Procedure 5.2.

Ricardo H. Hinojosa,
Chair.

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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) During the Week Ending July 18, 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–2008–0211.

Date Filed: July 16, 2008.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: August 6, 2008.

Description: Amended Application of Spirit Airlines, Inc. requesting (1) a certificate of public convenience and necessity for scheduled combination foreign air transportation between points in the United States via intermediate points to Manaus, Brazil and beyond to points in Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, and Chile; (2) an exemption for a minimum of two years or until the grant of certificate authority to operate such service; (3) an allocation of seven (7) weekly frequencies for this service to commence in the Fall, 2009; and (4) a designation to the Government of Brazil for this service. Spirit further requests any further relief that the Department may deem necessary.

Docket Number: DOT–OST–2008–0228.

Date Filed: July 16, 2008.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: August 6, 2008.

Description: Application of Centurion Air Cargo, Inc. ("Centurion") requesting a certificate of public convenience and necessity to the extent necessary to permit it to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of property and mail between a point or points in the United States, via intermediate points, and the Brazilian co-terminal points Manaus, Brasilia, Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Recife, Porto Alegre, Belem, Belo

Horizonte, Curitiba, Fortaleza, and Salvador, and beyond Brazil to Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay and Chile. Centurion also requests, to the extent necessary or as an alternative, an exemption to permit Centurion to conduct such service for an initial period of two years or until the grant of the requested certificate authority. Centurion also requests that it be designated under the U.S.-Brazil Air Transport Agreement, that the Department allocate it seven (7) weekly U.S.-Brazil all-cargo frequencies, and that the Department integrate the requested authority with Centurion's existing exemption and certificate authority.

Docket Number: DOT-OST-2008-0231.

Date Filed: July 15, 2008.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: August 5, 2008.

Description: Application of Avjet Corporation ("Avjet") requesting a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Avjet to engage in foreign charter air transportation of persons, property and mail.

Docket Number: DOT-OST-2008-0222.

Date Filed: July 15, 2008.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: August 5, 2008.

Description: Application of euroAtlantic Airways Transportes Aereos, S.A. requesting a foreign air carrier permit to provide: (a) Foreign charter air transportation of persons, property and mail from any point or points behind any Member State of the European Community via any point or points in any Member State and via intermediate points to any point or points in the United States and beyond; (b) foreign charter air transportation of persons, property and mail between any point or points in the United States and any point or points in any member of the European Common Aviation Area; (c) foreign charter cargo air transportation between any point or points in the United States and any other point or points; (d) other charters pursuant to prior approval; and (e) charter transportation consistent with any future, additional rights that may be granted to foreign air carriers of the Member States of the European Union.

Docket Number: DOT-OST-2008-0224.

Date Filed: July 15, 2008.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: August 5, 2008.

Description: Application of Avjet Corporation ("Avjet") requesting a

certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Avjet to engage in interstate charter air transportation of persons, property and mail.

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 May 15, 2008, vol. 73, no. 95, page 28182. The rule regarding the protection of voluntarily submitted information acts to ensure that certain non-required information offered by air carriers will not be disclosed.

DATES: Please submit comments by September 8, 2008.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

Title: Protection of Voluntarily Submitted Information.

Type of Request: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

OMB Control Number: 2120-0646.

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

Affected Public: An estimated 10 Respondents.

Frequency: This information is collected on occasion.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: Approximately 1 hour per response.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: An estimated 5 hours annually.

Abstract: The rule regarding the protection of voluntarily submitted information acts to ensure that certain non-required information offered by air carriers will not be disclosed.

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 Nathan Lesser, Desk Officer, Department of Transportation/FAA, and sent via electronic mail to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

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, July 30, 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

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 May 14, 2008, vol. 73, no. 94, page 27885. The Advanced Qualification Program (AQP) incorporates data driven quality control processes for validating and maintaining the effectiveness of air carrier training program curriculum content.

DATES: Please submit comments by September 8, 2008.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

Title: Advanced Qualification Program (AQP).

Type of Request: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.