

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****RTCA Government/Industry Free Flight Steering Committee Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of RTCA Government/Industry Free Flight Steering Committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of the RTCA Government/Industry Free Flight Steering Committee.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held December 5, 2001, from 1–5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at FAA Headquarters, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Bessie Coleman Conference Room (Room 2AB), Washington, DC 20591.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** RTCA Secretariat, 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC, 20036; telephone (202) 833–9339; fax (202) 833–9434; web site <http://www.rtca.org>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a Free Flight Steering Committee meeting. The agenda will include:

- December 5:
- Opening Session (Welcome and Introductory Remarks, Review/Approve Summary of Previous Meeting)
- Assessment of National Airspace System (NAS) Performance
- Steering Committee Decision:
- New Operational Environment
- Member Perspectives on the NAS Performance Assessment
- Exchange of Views on needs for Security, Safety, and Efficiency
- Report/Recommendations from the Free Flight Select Committee
- Closing Session (Other Business, Date and Place of Next Meeting)

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairmen, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the personnel listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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**Janice L. Peters,**

*FAA Special Assistant, FTCA Advisory Committee.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****RTCA Special Committee 186: Automatic Dependent Surveillance—Broadcast (ADS–B)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of RTCA Special Committee 186 meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 186: Automatic Dependent Surveillance—Broadcast (ADS–B).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held December 10–14, 2001 starting at 9 am.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at RTCA, Inc., 1828 L Street, NW, suite 805, Washington, DC 20036.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** RTCA Secretariat, 1828 L Street, NW, Suite 805, Washington, DC 20036; telephone (202) 833–9339; fax (202) 833–9434; web site <http://www.rtca.org>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92–463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a Special Committee 186 meeting. **Note:** *Specific working group sessions will be held December 10–11 and on December 14.* The agenda will include:

- December 12–13:
- Opening Plenary Session (Chairman's Introductory Remarks, Review of Meeting Agenda, Review/Approval of Previous Meeting Summary)
- SC–186 Activity Reports
- WG–1, Operations & Implementation
- WG–2, Traffic Information Service—Broadcast (TIS–B)
- WG–3, 1090 MHz Minimum Operational Performance Standard (MOPS)
- WG–4, Application Technical Requirements
- WG–5, Universal Access Transceiver (UAT) MOPS
- WG–6, Automatic Dependent Surveillance–Broadcast (ADS–B) Minimum Aviation System Performance Standards (MASPS)
- EUROCAE WG—51 Report

- Closing Plenary Session (Review Actions Items/Work Program, Date, Place and Time of Next Meeting, Adjourn)

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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**Janice L. Peters,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****RTCA Special Committee 188: Minimum Aviation System Performance Standards for High Frequency Data Link**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of RTCA Special Committee 188 meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 188: Minimum Aviation System Performance Standards for High Frequency Data Link.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held December 19, 2001 starting at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at RTCA, 1828 L Street, NW, Suite 805, Washington, DC, 20036.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** RTCA Secretariat, 1828 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20036; telephone (202) 833–9339; fax (202) 833–9434; web site <http://www.rtca.org>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a Special Committee 188 meeting. The agenda will include:

- December 19:
- Opening Plenary Session (Chairman's Introductory Remarks, Approval of Previous Meeting Summary, Review of Agenda and Work Plan)
- Complete Final Resolution and Comment (FRAC) Process for the

*Minimum Aviation System Performance Standards (MASPS) for the High Frequency Data Link Operating in the Aeronautical Mobile (Route) Service (AMS(R)S)* and approve the document

- Closing Plenary Session (Review Actions Items, Make Assignments, Other Business, Data, Place and Time of Next Meeting, Adjourn)

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairmen, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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**Janice L. Peters,**

*FAA Special Assistant, RTCA Advisory Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### **RTCA Special Committee 159: Minimum Operational Performance Standards for Airborne Navigation Equipment Using Global Positioning System (GPS)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of RTCA Special Committee 159 meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 159: Minimum Operational Performance Standards for Airborne Navigation Equipment Using Global Positioning System (GPS).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held December 10-14, 2001, from 9 am to 4:30 pm (unless stated otherwise).

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at RTCA, Inc., 1828 L Street, NW, Suite 805, Washington, DC, 20036.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** RTCA Secretariat, 1828 L Street, NW, Suite 805, Washington, DC, 20036; telephone (202) 833-9339; fax (202) 833-9434; web site <http://www.rtca.org>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a Special Committee 159 meeting. **Note:** *specific working group*

*sessions will be held December 10-13.*

The agenda will include:

- December 14:
- Opening Plenary Session (Welcome and Introductory Remarks, Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting)
- Review Working group Progress and Identify Issues for Resolution
- Review of EUROCAE activities
- Closing plenary Session (Assignment/Review of Future Work, Other Business, Date and Place of Next Meeting)

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairmen, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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**Janice L. Peters,**

*FAA Special Assistant.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### **Petition for Waivers of Compliance**

In accordance with part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

#### **Jackson International, Inc.**

[Docket Number FRA-2001-10947]

Jackson International, Inc., (JAXON) has developed a hydraulically operated low input handbrake for use on freight rail cars. This new handbrake complies with the FRA regulations in all but two areas, namely: 231.27 (a)(1)(i) Each box or house car without roof hatches shall be equipped with an efficient vertical wheel handbrake which shall operate in harmony with the power brake thereon. 231.27 (a)(3)(i) The handbrake shall be located so that it can be safely operated

from horizontal end platform while car is in motion. The JAXON Hydraulic Low Input Handbrake is operated with a back-and-forth action hand pump lever and not a wheel. The JAXON Handbrake can be operated from the horizontal end platform or from a ladder. If a waiver is granted, Jackson International, Inc., would be able to market and sell this hydraulic handbrake as an alternative to the traditional geared handbrakes that are currently used in the rail industry.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA in writing before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number, (e.g., Docket Number FRA-2001-10947) and must be submitted to the DOT Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401 (Plaza Level), 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

Communications received within 45 days from the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practical. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) at the above facility. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Issued in Washington, DC on November 15, 2001.

**Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,**

*Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### **Research and Special Programs Administration**

[Docket No. RSPA-01-10867; Notice 1]

#### **Transportation of Natural Gas by Pipeline Petition for Waiver; Williams Gas Pipelines-West**

Williams Gas Pipelines-West (or "Williams") has petitioned the Research and Special Programs Administration