

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. Section 39.13 is amended by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

2001-19-01 Bombardier, Inc. (Formerly de Havilland, Inc.): Amendment 39-12440. Docket 2001-NM-39-AD.

Applicability: Model DHC-8-301 series airplanes having the serial numbers listed below, certificated in any category: 100, 108, 116, 124, 131, 137, 143, 149, 154, 159, 164, 169, 174, 180, 182, 184, 186, 188, 190, 192, 194, 196, 198, 200.

Note 1: This AD applies to each airplane identified in the preceding applicability provision, regardless of whether it has been modified, altered, or repaired in the area subject to the requirements of this AD. For airplanes that have been modified, altered, or repaired so that the performance of the requirements of this AD is affected, the owner/operator must request approval for an alternative method of compliance in accordance with paragraph (c) of this AD. The request should include an assessment of the effect of the modification, alteration, or repair on the unsafe condition addressed by this AD; and, if the unsafe condition has not been eliminated, the request should include specific proposed actions to address it.

Compliance: Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously.

To find and fix the access panels of the upper wings that do not meet Model 301 wing specifications, which could result in elongation of the attachment holes in the panels due to critical design loads, and consequent reduced structural integrity of the wings; accomplish the following:

Determine Manufacturing Date/Corrective Action

(a) Within 12 months after the effective date of this AD: Remove the two access panels of the upper wings, part number (P/N) 85711539-003, to determine the manufacturing date, which is stamped on the underside of each panel; per de Havilland Dash 8 Maintenance Manual, Product Support Manual 1-83-2, Chapter 57-30-10, dated March 31, 1995.

(1) If the manufacturing date on any panel is September 30, 1997, or earlier, before further flight, replace with a new panel, P/N 85711539-003, having a manufacturing date of October 1, 1997, or later; per the maintenance manual.

(2) If the manufacturing date on any panel is October 1, 1997, or later, reinstall that panel per the maintenance manual. No further action is required for that panel.

Spares

(b) As of the effective date of this AD: No person may install an access panel, P/N 85711539-003, having a manufacturing date of September 30, 1997, or earlier, on any airplane.

Alternative Methods of Compliance

(c) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, New York Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, New York ACO.

Note 2: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the New York ACO.

Special Flight Permits

(d) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with sections 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the airplane to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

Note 3: The subject of this AD is addressed in Canadian airworthiness directive CF-99-27, dated September 28, 1999.

Effective Date

(e) This amendment becomes effective on October 1, 2001.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on September 7, 2001.

Vi L. Lipski,

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044

Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's regulations on Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans and Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans prescribe interest assumptions for valuing and paying benefits under terminating single-employer plans. This final rule amends the regulations to adopt interest assumptions for plans with valuation dates in October 2001. Interest assumptions are also published on the PBGC's Web site (<http://www.pb.gc.gov>).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005, 202-326-4024. (TTY/TDD users may call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1-800-877-8339 and ask to be connected to 202-326-4024.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The PBGC's regulations prescribe actuarial assumptions—including interest assumptions—for valuing and paying plan benefits of terminating single-employer plans covered by title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The interest assumptions are intended to reflect current conditions in the financial and annuity markets.

Three sets of interest assumptions are prescribed: (1) A set for the valuation of benefits for allocation purposes under section 4044 (found in Appendix B to part 4044), (2) a set for the PBGC to use to determine whether a benefit is payable as a lump sum and to determine lump-sum amounts to be paid by the PBGC (found in Appendix B to part 4022), and (3) a set for private-sector pension practitioners to refer to if they wish to use lump-sum interest rates determined using the PBGC's historical methodology (found in Appendix C to part 4022).

Accordingly, this amendment (1) adds to Appendix B to Part 4044 the interest assumptions for valuing benefits for allocation purposes in plans with valuation dates during October 2001, (2) adds to Appendix B to Part 4022 the interest assumptions for the PBGC to use for its own lump-sum payments in plans with valuation dates during October 2001, and (3) adds to Appendix C to Part 4022 the interest assumptions for private-sector pension practitioners to refer to if they wish to use lump-sum interest rates determined using the PBGC's historical methodology for valuation dates during October 2001.

For valuation of benefits for allocation purposes, the interest assumptions that the PBGC will use (set forth in Appendix B to part 4044) will be 6.10 percent for the first 20 years following the valuation date and 6.25 percent thereafter. These interest assumptions represent a decrease (from those in effect for September 2001) of 0.20 percent for the first 20 years following the valuation date and are otherwise unchanged.

The interest assumptions that the PBGC will use for its own lump-sum payments (set forth in Appendix B to part 4022) will be 4.50 percent for the period during which a benefit is in pay status, and 4.00 percent during any years preceding the benefit's placement in pay status. These interest

assumptions are unchanged from those in effect for September 2001.

For private-sector payments, the interest assumptions (set forth in Appendix C to part 4022) will be the same as those used by the PBGC for determining and paying lump sums (set forth in Appendix B to part 4022).

The PBGC has determined that notice and public comment on this amendment are impracticable and contrary to the public interest. This finding is based on the need to determine and issue new interest assumptions promptly so that the assumptions can reflect, as accurately as possible, current market conditions.

Because of the need to provide immediate guidance for the valuation and payment of benefits in plans with valuation dates during October 2001, the PBGC finds that good cause exists

for making the assumptions set forth in this amendment effective less than 30 days after publication.

The PBGC has determined that this action is not a "significant regulatory action" under the criteria set forth in Executive Order 12866.

Because no general notice of proposed rulemaking is required for this amendment, the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 does not apply. See 5 U.S.C. 601(2).

List of Subjects

29 CFR Part 4022

Employee benefit plans, Pension insurance, Pensions, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

29 CFR Part 4044

Employee benefit plans, Pension insurance, Pensions.

In consideration of the foregoing, 29 CFR parts 4022 and 4044 are amended as follows:

PART 4022—BENEFITS PAYABLE IN TERMINATED SINGLE-EMPLOYER PLANS

1. The authority citation for part 4022 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 29 U.S.C. 1302, 1322, 1322b, 1341(c)(3)(D), and 1344.

2. In appendix B to part 4022, Rate Set 96, as set forth below, is added to the table. (The introductory text of the table is omitted.)

Appendix B to Part 4022—Lump Sum Interest Rates For PBGC Payments

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Rate set	For plans with a valuation date		Immediate annuity rate (percent)	Deferred annuities (percent)				
	On or after	Before		i_1	i_2	i_3	n_1	n_2
*	*	*	*		*	*		*
96	10-1-01	11-1-01	4.50	4.00	4.00	4.00	7	8

3. In appendix C to part 4022, Rate Set 96, as set forth below, is added to the table. (The introductory text of the table is omitted.)

Appendix C to Part 4022—Lump Sum Interest Rates For Private-Sector Payments

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Rate set	For plans with a valuation date		Immediate annuity rate (percent)	Deferred annuities (percent)				
	On or after	Before		i_1	i_2	i_3	n_1	n_2
*	*	*	*		*	*		*
96	10-1-01	11-1-01	4.50	4.00	4.00	4.00	7	8

PART 4044—ALLOCATION OF ASSETS IN SINGLE-EMPLOYER PLANS

4. The authority citation for part 4044 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 29 U.S.C. 1301(a), 1302(b)(3), 1341, 1344, 1362.

5. In appendix B to part 4044, a new entry, as set forth below, is added to the table. (The introductory text of the table is omitted.)

Appendix B to Part 4044—Interest Rates Used to Value Benefits

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For valuation dates occurring in the month—			The values of it are:					
			i_t	for $t =$	i_t	for $t =$	i_t	for $t =$
*	*	*	*		*	*		*
October 20010610	1-20	.0625	>20	N/A	N/A

Issued in Washington, DC, on this 11th day of September 2001.

John Seal,

Acting Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Parts 51, 52, 96, and 97

[FRL-7056-9]

Availability of Documents for the Response to the Remands in the Ozone Transport Cases Concerning the Method for Computing Growth for Electric Generating Units; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice to extend comment period.

SUMMARY: In response to requests from the public, the EPA is extending the comment period for the notice of data availability for the Nitrogen Oxides State Implementation Plan Call (NO_x SIP Call) and the Section 126 Rule that was published on August 3, 2001 (66 FR 40609) for an additional 15 days. The comment period will now end on September 19, 2001.

DATES: The EPA is establishing a comment period ending on September 19, 2001. Comments must be postmarked by the last day of the comment period and sent directly to the Docket Office listed in **ADDRESSES** (in duplicate form if possible).

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted to the Office of Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (6102), Attention: Docket No. A-96-56 for the NO_x SIP Call and Docket No. A-97-43 for the Section 126 Rule, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 260-7548. The EPA encourages electronic submission of comments following the instructions under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** of this document. The e-mail address is *A-and-R-Docket@epa.gov*. No confidential business information should be submitted through e-mail.

Copies of all of the documents containing the new data being made available have been placed in the docket for the NO_x SIP Call rule, Docket No. A-96-56, and have been incorporated by reference in the docket for the Section 126 Rule, Docket No. A-97-43. These

new documents, and other documents relevant to these rulemakings, are available for inspection at the Docket Office, located at 401 M Street SW, Room M-1500, Washington, DC 20460, between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying. Some of the documents have also been made available in electronic form at the following EPA website: <http://www.epa.gov/airmarkets/fednox/126noda/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions concerning the notice of data availability should be directed to Kevin Culligan, Office of Atmospheric Programs, Clean Air Markets Division, 6204M, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 564-9172, e-mail culligan.kevin@epa.gov; or Howard J. Hoffman, Office of General Counsel, 2344A, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 564-5582, e-mail hoffman.howard@epa.gov.

General questions about the Section 126 Rule or the NO_x SIP Call may be directed to Carla Oldham, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Air Quality Strategies and Standards Division, MD-15, Research Triangle Park, NC, 27711, telephone (919) 541-3347, e-mail oldham.carla@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Submitting Electronic Comments

Electronic comments are encouraged and can be sent directly to EPA at *A-and-R-Docket@epa.gov*. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect 8.0 or ASCII file format. All comments in electronic form must be identified by Docket No. A-96-56 for the NO_x SIP Call and Docket No. A-97-43 for the Section 126 Rule. Electronic comments may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

Extension of Comment Period

In the August 3, 2001 notice of data availability, EPA provided notice that it had placed in the dockets for the two main rulemakings concerning ozone-smog transport in the eastern part of the United States—the Nitrogen Oxides State Implementation Plan Call (NO_x SIP Call) and the Section 126 Rule—data relevant to the remands by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (D.C. Circuit) concerning growth rates for seasonal

heat input by electric generating units (EGUs). In both the NO_x SIP Call and Section 126 rulemakings, EPA determined control obligations with respect to EGUs through the same computation, which included, as one component, estimates of growth in heat input by the EGUs from 1996 to 2007. In two cases decided earlier this year challenging the Section 126 rulemaking and a pair of rulemakings that made technical corrections to the NO_x SIP Call, the D.C. Circuit considered challenges to EPA's calculation of the growth estimate and its use of growth factors. In virtually identical decisions, the Court remanded the growth component to EPA for a better response to certain data presented by the affected States and industry concerning actual heat input, and for a better explanation of EPA's methodology. The EPA is in the process of responding to those remands. The EPA's preliminary view is that its growth calculations were reasonable and can be supported with a more robust explanation, based on the existing record, that takes into account the Court's concerns. In addition, EPA is considering new data that have recently been placed in the dockets for the NO_x SIP Call and Section 126 Rule. These new data appear to confirm the reasonableness of the growth calculations. The EPA intends to complete its response to the Court's remands in November 2001.

The EPA originally provided a 30-day period for the public to comment on these new data. In response to requests from the Utility Air Regulatory Group and the State of Illinois, EPA is extending the comment period for an additional 15 days. Please refer to the August 3, 2001 notice for a description of the data on which EPA is soliciting comment.

Dated: August 31, 2001.

John Seitz,

Director, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[IN135-2; FRL-7052-6]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Indiana

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.