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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2019-0084 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking website:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2019-0084.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select “Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced (if it is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that it is mentioned in this document.

- *NRC's PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID NRC-2019-0084 in your comment submission.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will post all comment submissions at <http://www.regulations.gov> as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS. The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

II. The Petitioner

The petition was submitted by Michael D. Meier on behalf of Southern Nuclear Operating Company. Michael D. Meier is the Vice President of Regulatory Affairs for Southern Nuclear Operating Company, a nuclear energy facility operator.

III. The Petition

The petitioner is requesting that the NRC revise part 171 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), “Annual fees for reactor licenses and fuel cycle licenses and materials licenses, including holders of certificates of compliance, registrations, and quality assurance program approvals and government agencies licensed by the NRC.” Specifically, the petitioner is requesting that the NRC revise the timing of when annual license fees for holders of a combined license under 10 CFR part 52, “Licenses, certifications, and approvals for nuclear power plants,” commence, to coincide with a licensee's commercial operation, rather than upon a 10 CFR 52.103(g) finding. The petition may be found in ADAMS under Accession No. ML19081A015.

IV. Discussion of the Petition

The petitioner requests that the NRC change the start date of assessment of annual fees for combined license holders under part 52 to align with the date when a reactor is declared available for commercial operation, instead of the current requirement in 10 CFR 171.15(a) to commence at the date when the Commission has made the finding under § 52.103(g) that all inspections, tests, analyses, and acceptance criteria are

met. The petitioner observes that a startup period of time is required, after the licensee receives NRC's authorization to operate, to complete the remaining tasks necessary to operate the power reactor commercially. The petitioner asserts that at the time of a 10 CFR 52.103(g) finding, the power reactor has not yet been loaded with fuel, undergone startup testing, power ascension, commissioning, or other actions necessary to reliably generate energy for the production of revenue. The petitioner states that (1) a licensee may not complete these startup activities and achieve commercial operation until several months after the § 52.103(g) finding is made, and (2) the licensee should not be subject to the annual fee required under § 171.15, “Annual fees: Reactor licenses and independent spent fuel storage licenses,” until the nuclear power plant receives financial benefit from commercial operation beyond minimal amounts of revenue derived from test energy. The petitioner also raises an issue regarding the fairness of charging an annual license fee before commercial operations commence.

V. Conclusion

The NRC has determined that the petition meets the threshold sufficiency requirements for docketing a petition for rulemaking under 10 CFR 2.803. The NRC is examining the issues raised in PRM-171-1 to determine whether they should be considered in rulemaking.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 4th day of June, 2019.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Annette L. Vietti-Cook,

Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2018-0842; Product Identifier 2018-CE-025-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Pacific Aerospace Limited Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking (SNPRM); reopening of the comment period.

SUMMARY: We are revising an earlier proposal to supersede Airworthiness Directive (AD) AD 2018–04–09 for Pacific Aerospace Limited Model 750XL airplanes. This proposed airworthiness directive (AD) results from mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI) originated by an aviation authority of another country to identify and address an unsafe condition on an aviation product. The MCAI describes the unsafe condition as incorrectly marked and annunciated low oil-pressure indication warnings. This SNPRM changes the title of one of the flight manuals to be revised, so that the revision requirement applies to all operators, regardless of the issue of their flight manual. Since these actions may impose an additional burden over those in the notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM), we are reopening the comment period to allow the public the opportunity to comment on these changes.

DATES: We must receive comments on this proposed AD by July 25, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments by any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to <http://www.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:** U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

For service information identified in this proposed AD, contact Pacific Aerospace Limited, Airport Road, Hamilton, Private Bag 3027, Hamilton 3240, New Zealand; telephone: +64 7 843 6144; facsimile: +64 7 843 6134; email: pacific@aerospace.co.nz; internet: www.aerospace.co.nz. You may view this referenced service information at the FAA, Policy and Innovation Division, 901 Locust, Kansas City, Missouri 64106. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (816) 329–4148.

Examining the AD Docket

You may examine the AD docket on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA–2017–0867; 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 proposed AD, the regulatory evaluation, any comments received, and other information. The street address for Docket Operations (telephone (800) 647–5527) is listed above. Comments will be available in the AD docket shortly after receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mike Kiesov, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Small Airplane Standards Branch, 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone: (816) 329–4144; fax: (816) 329–4090; email: mike.kiesov@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

We invite you to send any written relevant data, views, or arguments about this proposed AD. Send your comments to an address listed under the **ADDRESSES** section. Include “Docket No. FAA–2018–0842; Product Identifier 2018–CE–025–AD” at the beginning of your comments. We specifically invite comments on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of this proposed AD. We will consider all comments received by the closing date and may amend this proposed AD because of those comments.

We will post all comments we receive, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information you provide. We will also post a report summarizing each substantive verbal contact we receive about this proposed AD.

Discussion

We issued an NPRM to amend 14 CFR part 39 by adding an AD that would remove AD 2018–04–09, Amendment 39–19205 (83 FR 9793, March 8, 2018) (“AD 2018–04–09”) and add a new AD. AD 2018–04–09 addresses an unsafe condition on Pacific Aerospace Limited Model 750XL airplanes and was based on an MCAI originated by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), which is the aviation authority for New Zealand.

The NPRM was published in the **Federal Register** on October 23, 2018 (83 FR 53409). The NPRM proposed to require revising the Airplane Flight Manual (AFM) (pilot’s operating handbook (POH)) with updated provisions and clarify that the procedure to modify the oil pressure/temperature indicator may be performed as an option to replacing the indicator. The NPRM was based on the CAA’s revision its previous MCAI, CAA AD DCA/750XL/19A, dated April 26, 2018 (referred to after this as “the MCAI”), to mandate the AFM (POH) revisions and

also to include an option to modify the oil pressure/temperature indicator.

After we issued the NPRM, we discovered an error in the title of one of the flight manuals to be revised. The NPRM proposed a requirement for airplanes with Pacific Aerospace Pilot’s Operating Handbook and Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand Approved Flight Manual AIR 3237, Issue 2. This SNPRM proposes to change the title, eliminating the issue level, so that the revision requirement applies to all operators, regardless of the issue of their flight manual. Because this change expands the number of operators who would be required to comply with this requirement, the FAA is reopening the comment period to provide additional opportunity for public comment. This SNPRM also includes other editorial changes that do not affect the required actions.

Related Service Information Under 1 CFR Part 51

We reviewed Pacific Aerospace Temporary Revision Instruction Letter, dated October 2017, which includes Pacific Aerospace Temporary Revisions XL/POH/00/001, XL/POH/02/001, and XL/POH/03/001; and Pacific Aerospace Revision Instruction Letter, dated March 2018, which includes Pacific Aerospace POH AIR 3237 Revision, dated March 30, 2018, for 750XL airplanes. For the applicable configurations, the service information includes revisions to the AFM that corrects the incorrect instrument markings.

We also reviewed Pacific Aerospace Mandatory Service Bulletin PACSB/XL/088, dated August 11, 2017, which was previously approved for incorporation by reference on April 12, 2018 (83 FR 9793, March 8, 2018), and describes procedures for replacement or modification of the low oil-pressure light, pressure switch, and indicator. 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 the **ADDRESSES** section of the AD.

FAA’s Determination and Requirements of the Proposed AD

This product has been approved by the aviation authority of another country, and is approved for operation in the United States. Pursuant to our bilateral agreement with this State of Design Authority, they have notified us of the unsafe condition described in the MCAI and service information referenced above. We are proposing this AD because we evaluated all information and determined the unsafe

condition exists and is likely to exist or develop on other products of the same type design.

The change described above expands the scope of the NPRM. As a result, we have determined that it is necessary to reopen the comment period to provide additional opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed AD.

Costs of Compliance

We estimate that this SNPRM will affect 22 products of U.S. registry. We also estimate that it would take about 2 work-hours per product to comply with the basic requirements of this AD. The average labor rate is \$85 per work-hour. Required parts would cost about \$500 per product.

Based on these figures, we estimate the cost of this AD on U.S. operators to be \$14,740, or \$670 per product.

Since this supplemental NPRM requires the same actions as AD 2018–04–09, the costs of compliance remains the same and does not impose any additional costs on U.S. operators.

There has been no change in the Cost of Compliance section in this supplemental NPRM.

Authority for This Rulemaking

Title 49 of the United States Code specifies the FAA's authority to issue rules on aviation safety. Subtitle I, section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. "Subtitle VII: Aviation Programs," describes in more detail the scope of the Agency's authority.

We are issuing this rulemaking under the authority described in "Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart III, section 44701: General requirements." Under that section, Congress charges the FAA with promoting safe flight of civil aircraft in air commerce by prescribing regulations for practices, methods, and procedures the Administrator finds necessary for safety in air commerce. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on products identified in this rulemaking action.

This AD is issued in accordance with authority delegated by the Executive Director, Aircraft Certification Service, as authorized by FAA Order 8000.51C. In accordance with that order, issuance of ADs is normally a function of the Compliance and Airworthiness Division, but during this transition period, the Executive Director has delegated the authority to issue ADs applicable to small airplanes, gliders, balloons, airships, domestic business jet transport airplanes, and associated

appliances to the Director of the Policy and Innovation Division.

Regulatory Findings

We determined that this proposed AD would not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This proposed AD would not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify this proposed regulation:

- (1) Is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866,
- (2) Is not a "significant rule" under the DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979),
- (3) Will not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska, and
- (4) Will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by Reference, Safety.

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA proposes to amend 14 CFR part 39 as follows:

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 removing Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2018–04–09, Amendment 39–19205 (83 FR 9793, March 8, 2018) and adding the following new AD:

Pacific Aerospace Limited: Docket No. FAA–2018–0842; Product Identifier 2018–CE–025–AD.

(a) Comments Due Date

We must receive comments by July 25, 2019.

(b) Affected ADs

This AD replaces AD 2018–04–09, Amendment 39–19205 (83 FR 9793, March 8, 2018) ("AD 2018–04–09").

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to Pacific Aerospace Limited Model 750XL airplanes, all serial numbers up to 217, certificated in any category.

(d) Subject

Air Transport Association of America (ATA) Code 57: Wings.

(e) Reason

This AD was prompted by mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI) originated by an aviation authority of another country to identify and correct an unsafe condition on an aviation product. The MCAI describes the unsafe condition as incorrectly marked and annunciated low oil-pressure indication warnings. We are issuing this AD to prevent engine oil pressure from dropping below safe limits, which could cause possible engine damage or failure.

(f) Actions and Compliance

Unless already done, do the following actions in paragraphs (f)(1) through (4) of this AD, as applicable:

(1) *For airplanes with Pacific Aerospace Pilot's Operating Handbook and Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand Approved Flight Manual AIR 2825 (AIR 2825):* Within the next 30 days after July 15, 2019 (the effective date of this AD), insert Pacific Aerospace Temporary Revisions XL/POH/00/001, XL/POH/02/001 and XL/POH/03/001 into the Pacific Aerospace Limited (PAL) 750XL AIR 2825 Airplane Flight Manual as specified in Pacific Aerospace Temporary Revision Instruction Letter, dated October 2017.

(2) *For airplanes with Pacific Aerospace Pilot's Operating Handbook and Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand Approved Flight Manual AIR 3237 (AIR 3237):* Within the next 30 days after July 15, 2019 (the effective date of this AD), insert the Revision dated March 30, 2018, into the PAL 750XL AIR 3237 Airplane Flight Manual as specified in Pacific Aerospace Revision Instruction Letter, dated March 30, 2018.

(3) *For Pacific Aerospace 750XL airplanes up to serial number 217:* Within the next 100 hours time-in-service (TIS) after April 12, 2018 (the effective date of AD 2018–04–09) or within the next 12 months after April 12, 2018 (the effective date of AD 2018–04–09), whichever occurs first, replace or modify the pressure switch for the low oil pressure light by following the Part A—Accomplishment Instructions of PAL Mandatory Service Bulletin (MSB) PACSB/XL/088, dated August 11, 2017.

(4) *For Pacific Aerospace 750XL airplanes up to serial number 217 with a part number (P/N) INS 60–8 oil pressure/temperature indicator installed:* Within the next 100 hours TIS after April 12, 2018 (the effective date of AD 2018–04–09) or within the next 12 months after April 12, 2018 (the effective date of AD 2018–04–09), whichever occurs first, replace the oil pressure/temperature indicator with P/N INS 60–15 by following the Part B—Accomplishment Instructions of PAL MSB PACSB/XL/088, paragraphs 1) through 6), dated August 11, 2017.

(g) Other FAA AD Provisions

The following provisions also apply to this AD:

(1) *Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs):* The Manager, Standards Office, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs

for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. Send information to ATTN: Mike Kiesov, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Small Airplane Standards Branch, 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone: (816) 329-4144; fax: (816) 329-4090; email: mike.kiesov@faa.gov.

Before using any approved AMOC on any airplane to which the AMOC applies, notify your appropriate principal inspector (PI) in the FAA Flight Standards District Office (FSDO), or lacking a PI, your local FSDO.

(2) *Contacting the Manufacturer:* For any requirement in this AD to obtain corrective actions from a manufacturer, the action must instead be accomplished using a method approved by the Manager, Small Airplane Standards Branch, FAA; or the Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand (CAA).

(h) Related Information

Refer to CAA MCAI AD No. DCA/750XL/19A, dated April 26, 2018, for related information. You may examine the MCAI on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA-2018-0842. Pacific Aerospace Limited, Airport Road, Hamilton, Private Bag 3027, Hamilton 3240, New Zealand; telephone: +64 7 843 6144; facsimile: +64 7 843 6134; email: pacific@aerospace.co.nz; Internet: www.aerospace.co.nz. You may review copies of the referenced service information at the FAA, Policy and Innovation Division, 901 Locust, Kansas City, Missouri 64106. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (816) 329-4148.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on May 29, 2019.

Melvin J. Johnson,

Deputy Director, Policy & Innovation Division, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2019-0326; Product Identifier 2018-NM-166-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: We propose to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for all The Boeing Company Model 737-100, -200, -200C, -300, -400, and -500 series airplanes. This AD was prompted by significant changes made to the airworthiness limitations (AWLs) related to fuel tank ignition prevention and the nitrogen generation system.

This AD would require revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to include new or revised AWLs. We are proposing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: We must receive comments on this proposed AD by July 25, 2019.

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 <http://www.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.

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; phone: 562-797-1717; internet: <https://www.myboeingfleet.com>. You may view this service information at the FAA, Transport Standards Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206-231-3195.

Examining the AD Docket

You may examine the AD docket on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA-2019-0326; 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, the regulatory evaluation, any comments received, and other information. The street address for Docket Operations (phone: 800-647-5527) is listed above. Comments will be available in the AD docket shortly after receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeffrey Rothman, Aerospace Engineer, Propulsion Section, FAA, Seattle ACO Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; phone and fax: 206-231-3558; email: jeffrey.rothman@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

We invite you to send any written relevant data, views, or arguments about this proposal. Send your comments to an address listed under the **ADDRESSES**

section. Include “Docket No. FAA-2019-0326; Product Identifier 2018-NM-166-AD” at the beginning of your comments. We specifically invite comments on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of this NPRM. We will consider all comments received by the closing date and may amend this NPRM because of those comments.

We will post all comments we receive, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information you provide. We will also post a report summarizing each substantive verbal contact we receive about this NPRM.

Discussion

The FAA has examined the underlying safety issues involved in fuel tank explosions on several large transport airplanes, including the adequacy of existing regulations, the service history of airplanes subject to those regulations, and existing maintenance practices for fuel tank systems. As a result of those findings, we issued a final rule titled “Transport Airplane Fuel Tank System Design Review, Flammability Reduction and Maintenance and Inspection Requirements” (66 FR 23086, May 7, 2001). In addition to new airworthiness standards for transport airplanes and new maintenance requirements, that rule included Amendment 21-78, which established Special Federal Aviation Regulation No. 88 (“SFAR 88”) at 14 CFR part 21. Subsequently, SFAR 88 was amended by Amendment 21-82 (67 FR 57490, September 10, 2002; corrected at 67 FR 70809, November 26, 2002) and Amendment 21-83 (67 FR 72830, December 9, 2002; corrected at 68 FR 37735, June 25, 2003, to change “21-82” to “21-83”).

Among other actions, SFAR 88 requires certain type design (*i.e.*, type certificate (TC) and supplemental type certificate (STC)) holders to substantiate that their fuel tank systems can prevent ignition sources in the fuel tanks. This requirement applies to type design holders for large turbine-powered transport airplanes and for subsequent modifications to those airplanes. It requires them to perform design reviews and to develop design changes and maintenance procedures if their designs do not meet the new fuel tank safety standards. As explained in the preamble to the final rule published on May 7, 2001, we intended to adopt airworthiness directives to mandate any changes found necessary to address unsafe conditions identified as a result of these reviews.