

Action	Compliance time	Procedures
(2) If the altitude information is derived from a Gillham (gray code) encoded source, have the unit modified to prevent erroneous altitude reporting. The modification encompasses converting the TDR-94 transponder from Collins part number (CPN) 622-9352-004 to CPN 622-9352-005; and converting the TDR 94D transponder from CPN 622-9210-004 to CPN 622-9210-005.	At the next transponder check required by 14 CFR 91.413 that occurs 3 months after the effective date of this AD or within the next 9 months after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs first.	In accordance with Rockwell Collins Service Bulletin No. 17 (TDR-94/94D-34-17), dated February 8, 1999. Collins Product Information Letter No. 71, dated January 1999, references the service bulletin.
(3) If the altitude information from all affected transponders is derived from a digital air data source, no modification action is required by this AD.	Not applicable	Not applicable.
(4) Do not install any TDR-94 Mode S transponder (CPN 622-9352-004) or TDR-94D Mode S transponder (CPN 622-9210-004) on any airplane if the altitude information is derived from a Gillham (gray code) encoded source, unless the modification required by paragraph (d)(2) of this AD is incorporated.	As of the effective date of this AD	Accomplish the modification in accordance with Rockwell Collins Service Bulletin No. 17 (TDR-94/94D-34-17), dated February 8, 1999. Collins Product Information Letter No. 71, dated January 1999, references the service bulletin.

(e) *Can I comply with this AD in any other way?* You may use an alternative method of compliance or adjust the compliance time if:

(1) Your alternative method of compliance provides an equivalent level of safety; and

(2) The manager, Wichita Aircraft Certification Office, approves your alternative. Send your request through an FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Wichita Aircraft Certification Office.

Note: This AD applies to each airplane identified in paragraph (a) of this AD, 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 (e) 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 you have not eliminated the unsafe condition, specific actions you propose to address it.

(f) *Where can I get information about any already-approved alternative methods of compliance?* You can contact Roger A. Souter, FAA, Wichita Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), 1801 Airport Road, Room 100, Wichita, Kansas 67209; telephone: (316) 946-4134; facsimile: (316) 946-4407; e-mail: roger.souter@faa.gov.

(g) *What if I need to fly the airplane to another location to comply with this AD?* The FAA can issue a special flight permit under sections 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate your airplane to a location where you can accomplish the requirements of this AD.

(h) *How do I get copies of the documents referenced in this AD?* You may obtain copies of the documents referenced in this AD from Rockwell Collins Inc., Business and Regional Systems, 400 Collins Road Northeast, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52498. You may view this

information at FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

18 CFR Part 37, 161, 250, 284, and 358

[Docket No. RM01-10-000]

Standards of Conduct for Transmission Providers; Notice of Extension of Time

October 26, 2001.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of extension of time.

SUMMARY: On September 27, 2001, the Commission issued notice of proposed rulemaking addressing new standards of conduct for transmission providers (66 FR 50919, October 5, 2001). The date for filing comments is being extended at the request of the American Gas Association, the Edison Electric Institute and the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America..

DATES: Comments should be filed on or before December 20, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David P. Boergers, Secretary 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-0400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On

October 24, 2001, the American Gas Association, the Edison Electric Institute, and the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (collectively, Movants) filed a joint motion for an extension of time to file comments on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) issued September 27, 2001, in the above-docketed proceeding. In their motion, Movants state that the proposed rule is broad in nature and has the potential to dramatically impact the business operations of electric and gas companies in the United States and that additional time is requested to effectively gather evidence on the costs and benefits of various proposals contained in the NOPR. The motion also states that the American Public Gas Association, the Independent Petroleum Association of America, the Natural Gas Supply Association, the Process Gas Consumers Group, the American Public Power Association, and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association have been contacted by Movants and that none of the trade associations contacted objects to the request for additional time.¹

Upon consideration, notice is hereby given that an extension of time for the filing of comments in response to the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued September 27, 2001,

¹ The Natural Gas Supply Association agreed to an extension of time to file comments only through December 15, 2001.

is granted to and including December 20, 2001.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of the Attorney General

28 CFR Part 104

[CIV 104P; AG Order No. 2531-2001]

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September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001

AGENCY: Civil Division, Justice.

ACTION: Notice of inquiry and advance notice of rulemaking.

SUMMARY: Shortly after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack, the President signed legislation authorizing compensation to any individual (or the personal representative of a deceased individual) who was physically injured or killed as a result of the terrorist-related aircraft crashes on that day. This Notice of Inquiry and Advance Notice of Rulemaking seeks public comment on a range of matters critical to implementing a program that will carry out the intent of the legislation of providing compensation to victims.

DATES: Comments in response to this document are due by November 26, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted by e-mail to: victimcomp.comments@usdoj.gov, or by telefax to 301-519-5956. Telefaxes should be limited to 15 pages. Comments may also be mailed to Kenneth L. Zwick, Director, Office of Management Programs, Civil Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Main Building, Room 3140, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20530. However, in view of the short time period for comments and the current delays in the delivery of mail, it is strongly recommended that comments be submitted by e-mail or telefax. Comments received are public records. The name and address of the commenter should be included with all submissions. The text of comments, along with the name and address of the commenter, will be available on the Victim Compensation Fund web site, www.usdoj.gov/victimcompensation. Comments will also be available for public inspection at a reading room in Washington, DC. Arrangements to visit

the reading room must be made in advance by calling 888-714-3385 (TDD: 888-560-0844).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kenneth L. Zwick, Director, Office of Management Programs, Civil Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Main Building, Room 3140, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20530, telephone 888-714-3385 (TDD 888-560-0844).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The President signed the "September 11 Victim Compensation Fund of 2001" (the "Fund") into law on September 22, 2001, as Title IV of Public Law 107-42, 115 Stat. 230 ("Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act") (the "Act"). The purpose of the Fund is to provide compensation to eligible individuals who were physically injured as a result of the terrorist-related aircraft crashes of September 11, 2001, and compensation through a "personal representative" for those who were killed as a result of the crashes. Generally, eligibility extends to those who suffered physical harm or death as a result of the September 11 air crashes, which would include individuals on the planes at the time of the crashes (other than the terrorists) and individuals present at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, or the site of the crash in Pennsylvania at the time of the crashes, as well as those present in the immediate aftermath of the crashes.

The Attorney General, acting through a Special Master appointed by the Attorney General, is responsible for the administration of the Fund. By law, regulations addressing certain administrative matters must be issued within 90 days of enactment (i.e. by December 21, 2001). Section 407 of the Act provides that the Attorney General, in consultation with the Special Master, promulgate regulations on four matters by December 21, 2001:

- (1) Forms to be used in submitting claims;
- (2) The information to be included in such forms;
- (3) Procedures for hearing and the presentation of evidence; and
- (4) Procedures to assist an individual in filing and pursuing claims.

In addition, section 407 authorizes the Attorney General to issue additional rules to implement the program.

After determining whether an individual is an eligible claimant under the Act and applicable regulations, the Special Master is to determine the extent of harm to the claimant and determine the amount of compensation

to be awarded based on "the harm to the claimant, the facts of the claim, and the individual circumstances of the claimant." Section 405(b)(1)(B)(i). The law also provides that the Special Master is to make a final determination on any claim within 120 days of its receipt and, if an award is made, to authorize payment within 20 days thereafter. Sections 405(b)(3), 406(a). The determinations of the Special Master are final and are not subject to judicial review. Section 405(b)(3).

The Fund is designed to provide a no-fault alternative to tort litigation for individuals who were physically injured or killed as a result of the aircraft hijackings and crashes on September 11, 2001. Individuals who may have suffered other kinds of losses as a result of those events (e.g., those without identifiable physical injuries but who lost employment) are not included in this special program. However, the Act provides that a claimant who files for compensation must, at the time of filing, waive any right to file a civil action (or to be a party to an action) in any federal or state court for damages sustained as a result of the terrorist-related aircraft crashes of September 11, 2001.

Claims with the Fund must be filed within two years after the initial regulations are promulgated. Payments from the Fund are made by the United States government, which in turn obtains the right of subrogation to each award.

General Approach to Regulations That Must Be Promulgated by December 21, 2001

(a) The purpose of this notice.

As noted above, the Act requires that the Attorney General promulgate regulations in consultation with the Special Master. The Department is currently considering potential candidates for the Special Master position. In addition, the Department is in the process of seeking information from state and local agencies, as well as many other sources, that may be useful in crafting proposed regulations. In the meantime, however, the Department believes that it is very important, to the extent feasible within the time frames involved, to involve the public in the development of any rules established under the program "including, but not limited to, potential beneficiaries of the program, their employers, the legal community, and all those who have come forward to help those impacted. For this reason, the Department has decided to issue this notice to obtain as much public comment as feasible before issuing the rules that it is required to