

d. Enforces a well defined set of standards regarding a school's ethical practices, including recruitment and advertising;

e. Requires each school of nursing accredited to submit a comprehensive annual report, including current data on:

(1) Progress toward achievement of its stated objectives in nursing education;

(2) Qualifications and major responsibilities of the dean or director and of each faculty member;

(3) Policies used for selection, promotion, and graduation of students;

(4) Practices followed in safeguarding the health and well-being of students;

(5) Current enrollment by class and student-teacher ratios;

(6) Number of admissions to school per year for past 5 years;

(7) Number of graduations from school per year for past 5 years;

(8) Performance of students on state board examinations for past 5 years;

(9) Curriculum plan;

(10) Brief course descriptions;

(11) Descriptions of resources and facilities, clinical areas, and contractual arrangements which reflect upon the academic program.

f. Regularly, but at least every two years, obtains from each accredited school of nursing:

(1) A copy of its audited fiscal report, including a statement of income and expenditures;

(2) A current catalog.

g. Makes initial and periodic on-site inspections of each school of nursing accredited.

4. Has clear, written procedures for (a) the accreditation of a school of nursing or institution, (b) placing it on a probationary status, (c) revoking the accreditation, and (d) reinstating accreditation.

The list of recognized accrediting bodies, and of State agencies, will include organizations which have been determined by the Commissioner of Education to be reliable authority as to the quality of training offered by schools of nursing. For purposes of institutional and program accreditation, as provided for in the Nurse Training Act, those appropriate accrediting associations designated by the Commissioner as "Nationally Recognized Accrediting Agencies and Associations" (the six regional accrediting associations and the National League for Nursing, Inc.) will be listed.

Any other association or State agency which desires to be included on the list should request inclusion in writing. Each association or State agency listed may be reevaluated from time to time by the Commissioner.

For initial recognition and for extension of recognition (in connection with reevaluation), the association or State agency will be requested to furnish information establishing its compliance with the stated criteria. This information may be supplemented by personal interviews or investigation of the association's or agency's facilities, records, personnel qualifications, and administrative procedures. No adverse decision will be finalized without affording opportunity for a hearing.

Dated: December 31, 1969.

PETER P. MUIRHEAD,
Acting U.S. Commissioner
of Education.

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ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

URANIUM PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS

Notice of Invitation for Proposals for Reduction in Deliveries

1. The U.S. Atomic Energy Commission hereby invites companies having uranium sales contracts with the AEC to submit proposals to effect a limited reduction in deliveries of uranium concentrate to AEC. Present contracts, all of which expire by December 31, 1970, call for delivery of approximately 14,000 tons of U_3O_8 in concentrate during the remainder of their terms. The AEC will consider reductions, not to exceed 3,000 to 4,000 tons of U_3O_8 , in total commitments for delivery during 1969 and 1970.

2. Proposals must be submitted to the Director of Raw Materials, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D.C. 20545, on or before March 17, 1969.

3. Proposals must include:

a. The amount of the proposed reduction in U_3O_8 sales to AEC in 1969-70.

b. The effect of the proposed reduction on existing delivery schedules.

c. The proposed financial conditions upon which the reduction in deliveries is predicated, including specifically the effect of the proposal on AEC expenditures.

Proposals should provide for reductions in deliveries beginning no later than July 1, 1969, but may provide for reductions beginning at an earlier date.

4. AEC will evaluate proposals submitted in response to this invitation primarily on the basis of the most advantageous financial benefits to the Government: i.e., the largest reduction in Government expenditures per pound reduction in U_3O_8 deliveries. However, AEC may also consider other factors including, but not limited to, the effect of the reduction on the commercial uranium industry as a whole.

5. The proposals accepted will serve as a basis for negotiation of appropriate modifications to existing contracts.

6. The AEC reserves the right, as may be in the best interests of the Government, to reject any or all proposals and may reject without evaluation any proposal received after March 17, 1969. Each company submitting a proposal will be notified of the AEC action on its proposal as soon as feasible after submission.

7. Contractors may make proposals for reductions in deliveries of the whole contract commitment or any part thereof. Alternative proposals involving different quantities and financial considerations may be submitted, and contractors may propose reductions in incremental amounts with differing financial terms applying to each increment.

8. This offer is not intended in any way to affect the announced program for procurement of U_3O_8 from small independent properties as set forth in paragraph 13 of the FEDERAL REGISTER notice of November 20, 1962 (27 F.R. 11435).

Dated at Germantown, Md., this 13th day of January 1969.

For the Atomic Energy Commission.

W. B. McCool,
Secretary to the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Hazardous Materials Regulations Board

[Docket No. HM-12; Notice No. 68-9]

ROCKETDYNE, NORTH AMERICAN ROCKWELL CORP.

Petition for Special Permit

The Department receives scores of requests for special permits each month. Most of the requested permits fall into three categories:

(1) Permits for one-of-a-kind, emergency, or military shipments.

(2) Experimental or developmental permits, which develop information for future regulatory action.

(3) General interest permits, which are based on existing knowledge.

A special permit is a special regulation, a waiver or exemption from some provision of the general regulations. A petition for a special permit is usually evaluated on the basis of information submitted with the petition (49 CFR 170.13) without the benefit of public comment. The Department issues a special permit when it appears that the waiver or exemption will be in the public interest and will result in an appropriate level of safety.

Special permits can be issued more quickly than the regulations can be amended under normal procedures. As a result, applicants have come to petition for special permits, rather than for amendments to the regulations. Further, industry has come to expect the Department to give priority treatment of petitions for special permits, at the expense of the general regulatory program.

A special permit is usually issued to a single company, giving that company the right to do something which the regulations prevent other companies from doing. If the permit is of general interest, it may give the holder a competitive advantage over similarly situated companies. As competing companies find out about the special permit, they individually petition for the same waiver or exemption. Once the first petition has been evaluated and the permit issued, the Department routinely issues general interest permits to similarly situated companies.

Regulation by special permit gives the first petitioner quicker service than he could get through a change in the regulations. But competing companies do not fare as well. By the time they find out about the special permit and get special permits of their own, usually more time

has passed than would have been required to amend the regulation in the first place.

A general interest permit, when issued to all similarly situated companies, is really a disguised amendment to the regulations. This method of regulation has these disadvantages:

1. Safety standards are changed without an opportunity for public comment on the change.

2. Changes in safety standards, issued to individual companies, are not codified and published as a part of the regulations.

3. The procedure wastes industry and government time and manpower.

The Department believes that the disadvantages of regulation by special permit outweigh the advantages. Accordingly, the Department proposes to treat as requests for rule making those petitions for special permits which are clearly within the general interest class. If a petition is without merit, the Department will deny it. If a petition appears to have merit, the Department will issue a notice of proposed rule making, usually with a 30-day comment period, and then, after evaluating the comments, either amend the regulations or deny the petition.

Special permits for experimental, developmental, one-of-a-kind, emergency, and military shipments, would continue to be issued under present procedures. Special permits for radioactive materials and for cryogenic compressed gases would also be handled under the present procedures for the time being.

This is the first such notice under this procedure. Commentors should address themselves to the procedure itself as well as to the merits of this individual proposal.

This notice requests public comment on a proposal by Rocketdyne, a division of North American Rockwell Corp., 6633 Canoga Avenue, Canoga Park, Calif. 91304, to ship anhydrous hydrazine and hydrazine solution in DOT Specification 42D aluminum drums.

Interested persons are invited to give their views on whether the Specification 42D aluminum drum (Hazardous Materials Regulations—Title 49 CFR 178.109) is satisfactory for carriage of anhydrous hydrazine and hydrazine solution. Communications should identify the docket number and be submitted in duplicate to the Secretary, Hazardous Materials Regulations Board, Department of Transportation, 400 Sixth Street SW., Washington, D.C. 20590. Communications received on or before February 13, 1969, will be considered before final action is taken on the proposal. All comments received will be available for examination by interested persons at the office of the Secretary, Hazardous Materials Regulations Board, both before and after the closing date for comments.

This proposal is made under the authority of sections 831-835 of title 18, United States Code, section 9 of the Department of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 1657) and title VI and section 902

(h) of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 (49 U.S.C. 1421-1430 and 1472(h)).

Issued in Washington, D.C., on January 13, 1969.

P. E. TRIMBLE,
Acting Commandant,
U.S. Coast Guard.

SAM SCHNEIDER,
Board Member, for the
Federal Aviation Administration.

LOWELL K. BRIDWELL,
Administrator,
Federal Highway Administration.

A. SCHEFFER LANG,
Administrator,
Federal Railroad Administration.

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CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD

[Docket Nos. 20465, 20467]

ALASKA AIRLINES, INC.

Notice of Prehearing Conference

Notice is hereby given that a prehearing conference in the above-entitled matter is assigned to be held on January 28, 1969, at 10 a.m., e.s.t., in Room 630, Universal Building, 1825 Connecticut Avenue NW., Washington, D.C., before Examiner Hyman Goldberg.

Dated at Washington, D.C., January 13, 1969.

[SEAL] THOMAS L. WRENN,
Chief Examiner.

[F.R. Doc. 69-576; Filed, Jan. 15, 1969;
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[Dockets Nos. 20465, 20467; Order 69-1-47]

ALASKA AIRLINES, INC.

Order Setting Applications for Immediate Hearing Regarding Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Adopted by the Civil Aeronautics Board at its office in Washington, D.C., on the 10th day of January 1969.

Alaska Airlines, Inc. (Alaska), has filed applications to delete from its certificates for the above-referenced routes the condition which limits (through incorporation by reference of various rate orders) the amount of total subsidy which the carrier can be paid.²

We have decided to set Alaska's applications for an immediate hearing to determine the single issue whether the public convenience and necessity requires the alteration, amendment, modification,

² Condition 6 of the certificates for Routes 124 and 138, and Condition 7 of the certificate for Route 124-F state that "the total subsidy to be paid to the holder for the transportation of mail over Routes 124, 124-F, and 138, and under any exemption authority held by the holder shall not exceed the maximum amounts payable under Orders E-20835, May 19, 1964, E-23290, Feb. 25, 1966, and E-25130, May 11, 1967."

or suspension of the subsidy limiting condition in its certificates of public convenience and necessity for Routes 124, 124-F, and 138. This investigation will be limited to the single issue as described, and will not be a proceeding to determine the subsidy rate which should be paid to Alaska.² We expect that the instant proceeding will be conducted with all reasonable dispatch by the examiner.

Accordingly, it is ordered, That:

1. Alaska Airlines' applications in Dockets 20465 and 20467, be and they hereby are set for hearing before an examiner of the Board at a time and place to be hereafter designated; and
2. The single issue to be determined in this proceeding shall be whether the public convenience and necessity requires the alteration, amendment, modification, or suspension of Condition 6 of Alaska's certificates for Routes 124 and 138, and Condition 7 of Alaska's certificate for Route 124-F.

This order will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

By the Civil Aeronautics Board.

[SEAL] MABEL MCCART,
Acting Secretary.

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8:48 a.m.]

[Docket No. 18924]

AMERICAN AIRLINES PALM SPRINGS SERVICE CASE

Notice of Oral Argument

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended, that oral argument in the above-entitled proceeding is assigned to be held on January 29, 1969, at 10 a.m., e.s.t., in Room 1027, Universal Building, 1825 Connecticut Avenue NW., Washington, D.C., before the Board.

Dated at Washington, D.C., January 13, 1969.

[SEAL] THOMAS L. WRENN,
Chief Examiner.

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8:48 a.m.]

[Docket No. 19255]

EAST COAST POINTS-EUROPE SERVICE INVESTIGATION

Notice of Reassignment of Prehearing Conference

The prehearing conference in the above-entitled proceeding previously scheduled for December 3, 1968, will be held on February 13, 1969, at 10 a.m., e.s.t., in Room 1027, Universal Building, 1825 Connecticut Avenue NW., Washington, D.C., before the undersigned Examiner.

In order to facilitate the conduct of the conference, the Bureau of Operating

² In a separate docket (20508) Alaska has submitted a petition to establish a final mail rate.