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of Transportation
**Federal Aviation
Administration**

Transport Airplane Directorate
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Exemption No. 10850A
Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2013-0660

Mr. Don Bell
President
DRB Aviation Consultants
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Dear Mr. Bell:

This letter is to inform you that we have amended exemption no. 10850. It explains the basis for our decision and describes its effect.

The Basis for Our Decision

By e-mail via Mr. Jarred Gentile to the FAA on January 21, 2014, DRB Aviation Consultants petitioned the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for an extension to the time limit for exemption from the requirements of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) 25.571(e)(1). Exemption no. 10850 applies to FAA project ST1865DRB-T and allows installation of Ka Band radomes, which do not meet FAA bird-strike-damage tolerance requirements, on Boeing Model 777 airplanes.

Your recent petition requests a one-year extension, from the time the supplemental type certificate (STC) is issued, for DRB Aviation Consultants to fully complete all required substantiation activity, as indicated in exemption no. 10850. Your petition states that, because the original exemption's time limit was established as one year from the date the exemption was issued, this did not allow enough time for DRB Aviation Consultants to meet the time-limit requirements.

Other than requesting an extended time-limit deadline, your petition includes no request for substantive change in the conditions, and reasons relative to public interest and safety, that were the basis for granting the original exemption.

***Federal Register* Publication**

The FAA has determined that good cause exists for not publishing a summary of the petition in the *Federal Register* for public comment because the requested amendment to the exemption would not set a precedent, and any delay in acting on this petition would be detrimental to DRB Aviation Consultants operations.

Our Decision

The FAA has determined that the justification for the issuance of exemption no. 10850 remains valid with respect to this amendment and is in the public interest.

Accordingly, the FAA amends the last paragraph of exemption no. 10850 to read as follows:

> This exemption terminates one year from the date the STC is issued, unless sooner superseded or rescinded. On or prior to that date, DRB Aviation Consultants must demonstrate full compliance to the bird-strike requirements of § 25.571(e)(1), or the affected STC becomes void.

Therefore, under the authority provided by 49 U.S.C. 40113 and 44701, which the FAA Administrator has delegated to me, I grant DRB Aviation Consultants an extension of time-limited exemption, as described in the paragraph above, for FAA project ST1865DRB-T.

The Effect of Our Decision

All other conditions and limitations of exemption no. 10850 remain the same. This letter must be attached to, and is a part of, exemption no. 10850.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael J. Kaszycki

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