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Reference Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), Notice No. 02-18, "Public Address System," published in the Federal Register on November 27, 2002 (67 FR 70510)

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed are comments from Boeing Commercial Airplanes on the referenced proposed rule concerning public address systems on transport category airplanes. In general, we support the proposed rule, but have identified certain changes that will clarify the intent of the rule as a design standard.

Please direct any comments or questions to Ms. Jill DeMarco of this office at (425) 965-2015.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

**Boeing Commercial Airplanes
Comments to NPRM, Docket FAA-2002-13859, Notice No. 02-18,
“Public Address System”**

Requested Change:

Change the proposed text of §25.1423 (b) to read as follows:

(b) Be capable of operation within 3 seconds from the time a microphone is removed from its stowage ~~by a flight attendant at those stations in the passenger compartment from which its use is accessible.~~

Reason:

Section 25.1423 falls under the “Miscellaneous Equipment” portion of 14 CFR part 25. As such, it should reflect the design requirements for systems/equipment. Calling out flight attendant operations in a design compliance requirement for “miscellaneous equipment” is inappropriate. Paragraph §25.1423(g) specifies the requirements for location and accessibility of the handset, and this should be sufficient to cover the related requirements that we have suggested be deleted from paragraph §25.1423(b).