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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. 2017-81]

Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; Bell Helicopter Textron

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, the FAA's exemption process. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of the petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on this petition must identify the petition docket number and must be received on or before **[INSERT DATE 20 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: Send comments identified by docket number FAA-2017-0604 using any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.
- Mail: Send comments to Docket Operations, M-30; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W12-140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- **Hand Delivery or Courier:** Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jake Troutman (202) 683-7788, Office of Rulemaking, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

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PETITION FOR EXEMPTION

Docket No.: FAA-2017-0604

Petitioner: Bell Helicopter Textron

Section(s) of 14 CFR Affected: §§ 61.113(a) and (b), 91.121, 91.151(a), 91.119(c).

Description of Relief Sought: The petitioner is seeking an exemption in conjunction with obtaining a Special Airworthiness Certificate (Experimental - Research and Development) for the Model AAPPT Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS), a powered-lift aircraft, for research and development purposes. The unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) can be configured with wing extensions allowing for a heavier gross weight and correspondingly increased propulsion prop-rotor system for a maximum take-off weight of 500 pounds. Bell intends to operate in Class G airspace with an altitude envelope of not greater than 400 feet above ground level (AGL) above an area of Palo Pinto County, Texas, with ground elevation above mean sea level (MSL) of approximately 1,050 feet.

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