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SUBJECT: CREDITING OF SECOND IN COMMAND PILOT TIME TOWARD THE FLIGHT
EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR AIRLINE TRANSPORT PILOT CERTIFICATE

1. **PURPOSE.** This Advisory Circular clarifies the rules governing the crediting of second-in-command pilot time toward the flight experience required for the issuance of an Airline Transport Pilot Certificate.
2. **BACKGROUND.** Numerous inquiries indicate that there is significant misunderstanding and difference of opinion regarding the acceptability of second-in-command pilot time flown in general aviation operations toward the requirements for an Airline Transport Pilot Certificate. Paragraph 61.145(d) of the Federal Aviation Regulations provides that:

"(d) A commercial pilot may credit toward the 1500 hours total flight time requirement of subparagraph (b)(2) of this section the following flight time in operations conducted under Part 121 of this chapter:

(1) All second-in-command time acquired in airplanes required to have more than one pilot by their approved Aircraft Flight Manuals or airworthiness certificates; and"

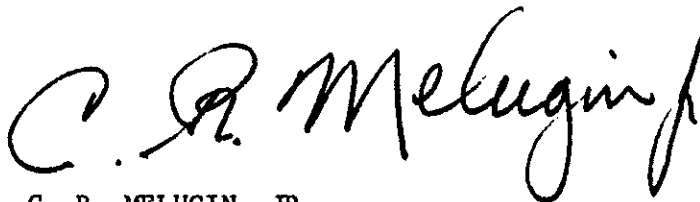
Paragraph 61.39(d), SECOND-IN-COMMAND TIME, provides that:

"A private or commercial pilot may log as second in command that flight time during which he is performing the duties of a second in command. Except as provided in section 61.145(d)(1), he may be credited with not more than 50 percent of that kind of flight time toward the total flight time required for a higher certificate or rating. However, a private pilot may not be credited with more than 50 hours of flight time under this paragraph."

The exception in the second sentence of paragraph 61.39(d) has apparently been assumed by some to prohibit the crediting of any second-in-command pilot time toward the requirements for an ATP certificate unless it is flown in operations conducted by air carriers and commercial operators of large aircraft (Part 121).

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3. GUIDELINES. A pilot may credit toward the 1500 total hours of flight experience required for an Airline Transport Pilot Certificate his pilot time as second in command in accordance with the following:
- a. He may credit all of that time flown as second in command in operations conducted under Part 121 in aircraft for which more than one pilot is required; and
 - b. He may credit 50 percent of that time flown as second in command in operations other than under Part 121 on flights where more than one pilot is required by the specifications of the aircraft involved or the operating rules under which the flight is conducted. A private pilot is not permitted to credit more than 50 hours under this provision



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