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Ms. Sarah MacLeod  
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Dear Ms. MacLeod:

Thank you for your May 7 letter and draft Advisory Circular (AC), "Guidance for Using Remote Connectivity Technology and Tools" submitted for the agency's consideration. We would like to provide an update on our progress releasing remote connectivity policy and advisory material. The Aircraft Certification Service (AIR) and Flight Standards (FS) are working together to finalize the draft of the AC and begin the publication process. We anticipate final publication in October 2019.

In the interim, AIR plans to publish a policy statement on remote connectivity that will align with the guidance in the AC. AIR anticipates publishing the policy statement in the coming months. The policy statement will allow industry to begin using remote connectivity upon its publication. FS policy and guidance does not prohibit the use of remote connectivity. FS will continue to address questions that arise and support industry requests until the AC is released.

If you have any questions, please contact Daniel J. Elgas, manager of the Certification Procedures Branch, at (202) 267-1599 or at [daniel.j.elgas@faa.gov](mailto:daniel.j.elgas@faa.gov).

Sincerely,

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