



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Wayne Royal
NTSB Accident Number: CEN14LA194

Narrative:

During a telephone conversation, Wayne Royal said that the flight was being positioned to meet a cable company employee on the following day at 0900 to perform aerial survey work. He said that the next stop after Lee's Summit, Missouri, or Kansas City, Missouri, may have been Denver, Colorado. Two pilots would be used during the survey with the left seat pilot as the pilot-in-command, and the right seat pilot as a survey equipment operator which would make use of a laptop. Pilots would alternate duties on flights. He stated that the company employs pilots with flight instructor ratings because they are better pilots. Both pilots for the positioning flight held flight instructor ratings.

Mr. Royal said that the company operated 9 airplanes and employed 13 pilots, all of whom were employed on a full-time basis. The company has conducted over 20,000 hours of flying over the past 20 years and this accident was the second in the company's history. All flight operations were conducted under Part 91. The chief pilot stated there was a pilot safety meeting in December 2013, which was attended by the left and right seat pilots in addition to all of the other company pilots. Pilots were told not to fly the accident airplane on flight legs that were in excess of three hours without stops for fuel to determine the fuel burn of the airplane.

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