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Date: March 18, 2025

Subject: ERA24LA152, Pilot Interview

Contact: Aliya Applin, Pilot

Ms. Applin was contacted by the IIC by phone on March 18, 2025, at 1331 eastern daylight time and a 24 minute conversation took place. She was advised of the NTSB's role in the investigation. She was also advised that she was allowed to have a representative present which she elected to have as her parents. The following is a summary of that conversation:

- When asked if she recalled the static RPM achieved during the takeoff roll, she responded that she was not sure but that she had seen the needle of the RPM gauge rising but was not sure of an exact static RPM achieved.
- When asked if the 1700 RPM she had reported in an earlier statement was the maximum RPM the engine achieved or the RPM after a loss of power she reported that the 1700 RPM was the last RPM she saw prior to the accident.
- When asked to describe the engine feel during the flight she characterized it as constant but sluggish and that it did not feel like the engine was producing the normal amount of power. She continued to describe it as if the engine was "fighting to get above the trees."
- She reported that she did not see the RPM raise and then drop during the flight.

- She reported that during the ground roll she felt something consistent with a nose wheel shimmy which she had felt on previous flights. She continued to report that this feeling did not continue once the airplane was in the air.

Ms. Applin was thanked for her time and assistance with the investigation. This digest was emailed to her on 3/18/2025 for her review. She concurred with the memorandum as written via email on the same date.