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Date: January 08, 2025
Subject: ERA25LA007,
Contact: Christopher Purdy, Pilot of N9117R

During the wreckage examination conducted on January 8, 2025, the Investigator-In-Charge (IIC) asked the pilot, Mr. Christopher Purdy, about the fueling of the airplane and the fuel selector position during the accident flight. Mr. Purdy stated that after landing at Concord-Padgett Regional Airport (JQF) in Concord, North Carolina, he topped off both the wing and auxiliary fuel tanks. He subsequently departed at approximately 1654 eastern standard time with the fuel selector positioned to the auxiliary fuel tank. He reported that he did not change the fuel selector position at any time during the flight from JQF to Rutherford County Airport/Marchman Field (FQD) in Rutherford, North Carolina.

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