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**ATTACHMENT 6 to the METEOROLOGY FACTUAL REPORT
CEN17FA168**

Additional emails summarizing a Boeing 737's flight crew's description of encountered weather near AMA on the night of the accident.

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From: [REDACTED]@faa.gov [mailto:[REDACTED]@faa.gov]

Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 2:29 PM

To: Richards Michael <[REDACTED]@ntsb.gov>

Subject: RE: AMA PC-12 CEN17FA168 [REDACTED] Flight Crew Info

Hello Mike,

[REDACTED] F/O [REDACTED] contacted just now and provided the following responses to your questions:

1. Did you have any idea you would encounter significant turbulence prior to your departure?

F/O [REDACTED]: No not really. The Radar was showing green and didn't indicate the level of turbulence we experienced. We know from the winds, and looking outside it was going to be bumpy, but not what we expected.

If so, what information (specifically) did you receive, and where did it come from (or whom did you talk to)?

F/O [REDACTED]: The tower was closed and so was AMA departure. We didn't receive any information and mainly talked to Center [ZAB]

2. Prior to departure, and during climb out, did you hear anything on the radio at any point discussing any level of turbulence

in the greater AMA area at altitudes under 10k?

F/O [REDACTED]: No there was no talk about the turbulence. It was after midnight and there were very few flights operating at that time.

If so and you can recall, what were the discussions?

F/O [REDACTED]: No one really. We were just talking to Center.

3. During/following your turbulence encounter(s), did you make a PIREP to either ATC, company dispatch or FSS?

F/O [REDACTED]: No, I don't think so. I was hand flying as we were climbing out through the worst of it.

If so, whom did you advise, what did you relay, and what was the response?

F/O [REDACTED]: I don't think we did. I really don't remember.

4. Do you recall being solicited for PIREPs from air traffic control (AMA departure)?

F/O [REDACTED]: I don't think we did. I really don't remember.

5. Was the severity of turbulence you encountered something that you would want to know about in advance, with or without passengers onboard?

F/O [REDACTED]: Absolutely!

6. Aside from the turbulence, do you recall anything else significant about the weather near AMA, or anything of note with you aircraft's response to the turbulence during climb out?

F/O [REDACTED]: Not really, other than what I already shared. The turbulence was worse than we expected, and the showers we were deviating around.

7. Anything else of note on these topics that you think is important?

F/O [REDACTED]: No

Hope this helps Mike.

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From: [REDACTED]@faa.gov [mailto:[REDACTED]@faa.gov]

Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 10:23 AM

To: Richards Michael <[REDACTED]@ntsb.gov>

Subject: RE: AMA PC-12 CEN17FA168 [REDACTED] Flight Crew Info

Hello Mike,

[REDACTED] Captain [REDACTED] called me back just now. Captain [REDACTED] email is [REDACTED].com

1. Did you have any idea you would encounter significant turbulence prior to your departure?

Captain [REDACTED]: Yes. The Strong Surface Winds and the obvious convective activity in the area.

If so, what information (specifically) did you receive, and where did it come from (or whom did you talk to)?

[Captain [REDACTED] was not asked this question during the interview. Being a [REDACTED], a Dispatch Release would be required].

2. Prior to departure, and during climb out, did you hear anything on the radio at any point discussing any level of turbulence

in the greater AMA area at altitudes under 10k? If so and you can recall, what were the discussions?

Captain [REDACTED]: No, it was after midnight and there was very little traffic in our area. The Tower was closed.

3. During/following your turbulence encounter(s), did you make a PIREP to either ATC, company dispatch or FSS?

Captain [REDACTED]: No

If so, whom did you advise, what did you relay, and what was the response? N/A

4. Do you recall being solicited for PIREPs from air traffic control (AMA departure)?

Captain [REDACTED]: There was no request for PIREP. It was late and there wasn't much traffic.

5. Was the severity of turbulence you encountered something that you would want to know about in advance, with or without passengers onboard?

[Captain [REDACTED] was not asked this question during this interview, but indicated previously he would have wanted to know, but they would have accepted the flight anyway].

6. Aside from the turbulence, do you recall anything else significant about the weather near AMA, or anything of note with you aircraft's response to the turbulence during climb out?

Captain [REDACTED]: The storms in the area.

7. Anything else of note on these topics that you think is important?

Captain [REDACTED]: No

I am still waiting for F/O [REDACTED], to call me back.

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