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INFORMATION LETTER 407-10-97

TO: All Owners/Operators of Bell 407 Helicopters.

**SUBJECT: MAINTENANCE MANUAL (BHT-407-MM-1) CHAPTER 4 AND 5,
REVISION OF,**

The Bell Model 407 fleet has grown to over 1000 aircraft and has accumulated 2.4 million hours since introduction in 1996. Over the years Bell has continued to look at ways to improve its products and we thank our customers for their demonstrated loyalty and continued commitment to the Model 407 helicopter.

This message is to inform our customers that Bell is currently reviewing the Model 407 Maintenance Manual (BHT-407-MM-1), specifically Chapters 4 and 5, to increase selected retirement lives and Time-Between-Overhauls (TBO) on some components.

This initiative is well under way and is expected to be made public in the first part of 2011. As a result, our customers will see a significant reduction to the Bell 407 Direct Maintenance Cost (DMC). While it is premature to list all the parts that will benefit from this initiative, Bell believes that it is important that we share this information with our customers well in advance. This will allow operators the option to safeguard and maintain the necessary documentation for components being retired from service prior to the release of the Maintenance Manual revision. Please note it is the responsibility of the operator to ensure only airworthy parts are returned to service.