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ADDING AIR TAXIS Linear Air, an air taxi service based in Concord, Mass., says it plans to add 1,000 pilots within five years. The company operates a fleet of eight-seat Cessna Grand Caravan turboprop aircraft providing on-demand service to 500 cities in the Northeast, the mid-Atlantic, Canada and the Caribbean. Linear recently took delivery of an Eclipse 500 very light jet and plans to have a fleet of 30 very light jets in two years. Very light jets, a new class priced well below existing low-end models, are expected to be the backbone of the developing air taxi business.