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Docket Number: OST-97-2719.

Date Filed: July 15, 1997.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: August 12, 1997.

Description: Application of USA Jet Airlines, Inc., pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 41102, and Subpart Q of the Regulations, requests an amendment and reissuance of its domestic certificate of public convenience and necessity to authorize USA Jet to provide interstate charter air transportation of persons, property and mail.

Docket Number: OST-97-2720.

Date Filed: July 15, 1997.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: August 12, 1997.

Description: Application of USA Jet Airlines, Inc., pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 41102 and Subpart Q of the Regulations, requests an amendment and reissuance of its certificate of public convenience and necessity to authorize USA Jet to provide foreign charter air transportation of persons, property and mail.

Paulette V. Twine,

Chief, Documentary Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Task Force on Assistance to Families in Aviation Disasters Open Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Task Force on Assistance to Families in Aviation Disasters will hold a meeting to discuss assistance to families of passengers involved in aviation accidents. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 13, and Thursday, August 14, 1997, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place in Room 2230 of Department of Transportation (DOT) Headquarters, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven R. Okun, Task Force Executive Director, telephone 202-366-4702, or Marc C. Owen, Task Force Staff Director, mailing address, 400 7th Street SW., Room 5424, Washington, DC 20590, telecopier 202-366-7147, and telephone 202-366-6823.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Appendix), DOT gives notice of a meeting of the Task Force on Assistance to Families in Aviation Disasters (Task Force). The Task Force was established by the Aviation Disaster Family Assistance Act of 1996 to develop recommendations on ways to improve the treatment of families of passengers involved in aviation accidents. The meeting is open to the public both days. In particular, topics for discussion at the meeting include systems used by airlines to notify families of passengers following an aviation disaster and the training that should be given to airline employees who interact with family members following aviation disasters.

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Steven R. Okun,

Task Force Executive Director, Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Reopening of the Public Comment Period Regarding the Notice of Intent To Prepare Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement; Cal Black Memorial Airport, Halls Crossing, Utah

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

ACTION: Reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Northwest Mountain Region of the FAA announces it has reopened the public comment period regarding its notice of intent to prepare Draft and Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statements (SEIS) for further study of potential noise impacts associated with operation of Cal Black Memorial Airport at Halls Crossing, Utah. Interested agencies and persons are invited to submit written comments as to their concerns regarding potential noise impacts upon areas surrounding the airport and how those impacts could be addressed in the Draft SEIS.

DATES: In order to be considered, written comments must be received on or before August 29, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Mr. Dennis G. Ossenkop, Federal Aviation Administration, Airports Division, 1601 Lind Ave. S.W., Renton, WA 98055-4056. Questions concerning the Draft SEIS or the process being applied by the

FAA in connection with this study should also be directed to Mr. Ossenkop.

Issued in Renton, Washington on July 18, 1997.

David A. Field,

Acting Manager, Airports Division, Federal Aviation Administration, Northwest Mountain Region, Renton, Washington.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. 28970]

Southwest Regional Spaceport, NM

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation (AST) announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) prepared for the proposed Southwest Regional Spaceport to be located in Sierra and Doña Ana Counties, New Mexico. The DEIS will be available for a comment period of forty-five (45) days beginning on the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this Notice of Availability.

DATES: Comments on the Southwest Regional Spaceport DEIS must be received during the public comment period that begins July 25, 1997 and continues until September 8, 1997. Comments postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Two public meetings will be held to discuss and receive comments on the Southwest Regional Spaceport DEIS: The first public meeting will be on August 19, 1997, at 7:00 pm at the Convention Center, 300 Daniel Street, Truth Or Consequences, New Mexico, and the second one will be on August 20, 1997, at 7:00 pm at the Hilton, 705 South Telshor Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SOUTHWEST REGIONAL SPACEPORT DEIS CONTACT: Mr. Nikos Himaras, Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation (AST), 400 Seventh Street, SW., room number 5402a-H., Washington, D.C. 20590, Telephone: (202) 366-2455; or Mr. Lou R. Gomez, Program Manager,

New Mexico Office for Space Commercialization, 505 South Main Street, Suite 134, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001. Telephone: (505) 525-5668; or refer to the following Internet address: <http://ast.dot.gov>

ADDRESSES: Copies of the DEIS will be available for review in the following locations: 1. Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Public Library, 50 Copper Avenue NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102; 2. El Paso Community, Northwest Center, 6701 S. Desert Blvd., El Paso, TX 79835; 3. El Paso Public Library, 501 N. Oregon St., El Paso, TX 79910; 4. Los Alamos County Library System, 1742 Central Avenue, Los Alamos, NM 87544; 5. New Mexico State University Library, Serials Department, P.O. Box 3475, Las Cruces, NM 88003-3475; 6. Sandia National Laboratories, Department 3140, Technical Library, P.O. Box 5800, Albuquerque, NM 37185; 7. Santa Fe Public Library, 145 Washington Ave, Santa Fe, NM 87501; Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88001; 8. Truth or Consequences Public Library, 325 Library Lane, Truth or Consequences, NM 87901; 9. University of New Mexico, General Library, Albuquerque, NM 87131.

Written comments on the Southwest Regional Spaceport DEIS should be mailed to: Docket Clerk, Docket No. [28970], Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Room 915, Washington, D.C. 20591.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Aviation Administration's Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation (FAA/AST), in cooperation with the State of New Mexico's Office of Space Commercialization (NMOSC) and Department of Economic Development, have prepared a joint Federal/State Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed commercial Southwest Regional Spaceport in southern New Mexico. The operator of the launch site will require a license from AST in accordance with 49 U.S.C. Subtitle IX, ch. 701, Commercial Space Launch Activities, 49 U.S.C. 70101-70119 (1994), formerly, the Commercial Space Launch Act of 1984, as amended.

An EIS is necessary for FAA/AST to make a licensing determination on the proposal to operate the SRS and comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*

The proposed project will require a land exchange between The Bureau of Land Management and New Mexico State Land Office. For this to occur,

BLM must amend its resource management plan (RMP) to make the Federal lands at issue available to be exchanged. BLM regulations require that the public shall be provided with opportunities to meaningfully participate in and comment on proposed amendments to RMPs. BLM's determination to amend its RMP is a major Federal action subject to compliance with NEPA.

Project Description

The New Mexico Office of Space Commercialization (NMOSC) proposes to construct and establish a commercial launch site on approximately 250,000 acres located in Sierra and Doña Ana Counties between the cities of Truth Or Consequences and Las Cruces, New Mexico, as a key element of the State's efforts to bring regional assets together as a consortium to form the Southwest Space Complex. The site was selected by NMOSC because it is superior to other candidate sites with respect to population density, land use, ownership, accessibility, orbital insertion physics, access to airspace, and lack of obvious environmental constraints.

The purpose of the Southwest Regional Spaceport project is to provide launch, recovery, and associated support facilities to the developing commercial space industry. The State anticipates that this project would enhance space-related economic development within the State of New Mexico generally and throughout the southwest region of the United States, as well as increase the ability of the U.S. launch industry to recapture a share of the international satellite launch market. The Southwest Regional Spaceport is intended to support the launch and recovery of fully reusable space vehicles.

Development of the Southwest Regional Spaceport, and other elements of the Southwest Space Complex, will occur in phases over a number of years. The proposed action encompassed by the EIS includes the construction of launch and associated support facilities and the extension of roads and utilities necessary to parallel the phased development of reusable launch technology NMOSC anticipates a completed Southwest Regional Spaceport early in the next century.

Major components of the proposed Southwest Regional Spaceport would include a central control facility for administrative functions; an airfield capable of handling aircraft and launch vehicles that land horizontally; a maintenance and integration facility for payload-processing and space vehicles;

a launch/landing complex with three launch/landing pads; a flight operations control center; and a cryogenic fuel plant to manufacture and store liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen.

Alternatives to the proposed action include no action and development of minimal infrastructure. With the minimal infrastructure alternative, construction of the Southwest Regional Spaceport facilities would be kept to a low level that is capable of supporting initial commercial space launch operations of RLVs.

The FAA/AST intends to consult and coordinate with Federal, state and local agencies which have jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impacts associated with the proposed project. The FAA/AST is currently making the DEIS available to Federal and State agencies and the public to allow review and to solicit comments. To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. A final EIS will be prepared following the forty-five day (45) comment period and conduct of public meetings.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on July 18, 1997.

Patricia Grace Smith,

Acting Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the FAA's Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to discuss rotorcraft issues.

DATES: The meeting will be held on August 12, 1997, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30. Arrange for oral presentations by August 1, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Helicopter Association International, 1635 Prince Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314-2818.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Higginbotham, Office of Rulemaking, Aircraft & Airport Rules Division, ARM-200, 800 Independence