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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of National Parks Overflights Working Group Meetings

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announce the dates for the National Parks Overflights Working Group (NPOWG) meeting in August. The NPOWG will meet August 4-5 in Denver, Colorado. This meeting will be open to the public. This notice serves to inform the public of the meeting dates for the working group.

DATES AND LOCATIONS: The NPOWG will meet August 4 and 5, beginning at 9 a.m., in conference rooms in the Sheraton Denver West, 360 Union Blvd., Denver, Colorado, telephone: (303) 987-2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carla Mattix, Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C St., NW., Washington, DC 20240, telephone: (202) 208-7957, or Linda Williams, Office of Rulemaking, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave., Washington, DC 20591, telephone: (202) 367-9685.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

By notice in the **Federal Register** on June 6, 1997, the NPS and FAA announced the meeting dates for the NPOWG. The working group is established to recommend a notice of proposed rulemaking which would define the process to reduce or prevent the adverse effects of commercial sightseeing flights over the National Parks where deemed necessary. The working group held sessions on May 20 and 21; June 11, 12, 13; and July 8 and 9, 1997, in Washington, DC.

The overflights working group is composed of nine members representing a balance of air tour operators, both fixed and rotary wing; general aviation users; other commercial aviation interests; national tour associations; environmental groups; and Native Americans. Co-chairs for the working group have been selected by the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Department of Interior (DOI). DOT and DOI representatives act as advisors to the membership, but will not

be active members of the working group. A facilitator provides focus for the group.

Unless extended, the working group is scheduled to terminate 100 days from the date of its initial meeting. The group will make its final recommendation to the ARAC and NPS Advisory Board at the end of that 100 days. The ARAC and NPS Advisory Board will review the recommendations of the working group and report to the NPS and FAA. Progress or status reports from the working group are expected every 21 days. NPS and FAA anticipate that the final product of the NPOWG will be a recommended notice of proposed rulemaking.

Meeting Location and Protocol

Contrary to the original **Federal Register** notice, the August meeting will be open to the public. In keeping with the organizational protocols developed by the working group, the following rules apply:

Only working group members (or their alternates when filling in for a member) have the privilege of sitting at the negotiating table and of speaking from the floor during the negotiations without working group approval, except: any member may call upon another individual to elaborate on a relevant point, the NPS and FAA advisors to the working group have the full right to the floor and may raise and address appropriate points, and any person attending working group meetings may address the working group if time permits and may file statements with the working group for its consideration.

The final report of the NPOWG will be made available to the public when it is reported to the Advisory Board and ARAC. In addition, both agencies envision that public meetings will be held following the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking on the issues regarding overflights of the national parks.

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Joseph A. Hawkins,
Director of Rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA, Inc.; Special Committee 165; Minimum Operational Performance Standards for Aeronautical Mobile Satellite Services

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for Special Committee (SC)-165 meeting to be held August 7-

8, 1997, starting at 9:30 a.m. on August 7. The meeting will be held at RTCA, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036.

This plenary meeting will be preceded by a meeting of SC-165 Working Group (WG)-3, AMSS System/Service Criteria, which will include a visit to the Iridium Master Control Facility located near Reston, VA.

The plenary agenda will be as follows:

- (1) Welcome and Introductions;
- (2) Review and Approval of the Summary of the Previous Meeting;
- (3) Chairman's Remarks;
- (4) Overview of New Developments

Relevant to AMSS and SC-165:

a. Required Communications Performance (SC-169/WG-2);

b. AMCP WG-A on AMSS;

c. AMS(R)S Spectrum Issues;

d. AEEC 741 and 761 Characteristics;

e. Industry, Users, Government;

(5) Review of Working Group Activities:

a. WG-1 (AMSS Avionics Equipment MOPS);

b. WG-3 (System/Service Performance Criteria);

c. WG-5 (AMS(R)S Satcom Voice);

(6) Consideration of Next-Generation AMSS Activities;

(7) Other Business;

(8) Date and Place of Next Meeting.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space available. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 833-9339 (phone); (202) 833-9434 (fax); or <http://www.rtca.org> (web site). Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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Janice L. Peters,
Designated Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent to Rule on Application To Impose and Use the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Abilene Regional Airport, Abilene, Texas

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to rule on application.

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Abilene Regional Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158)).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 20, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate copies to the FAA at the following address: Mr. Ben Guttery, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Airports Division, Planning and Programming Branch, ASW-610D, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0610.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. David M. Wright, Director of Finance, City of Abilene, at the following address: Mr. David M. Wright, Director of Finance, City of Abilene, P.O. Box 60, 55 Walnut, Abilene, Texas 79604.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of the written comments previously provided to the Airport under § 158.23 of Part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ben Guttery, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Airports Division, Planning and Programming Branch, ASW-610D, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0610, (817) 222-5614.

The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Abilene Regional Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L. 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

On June 27, 1997, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by the Airport was substantially complete within the requirements of § 158.25 of Part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than October 24, 1997.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

Level of the proposed PFC: \$3.00.

Proposed charge effective date: January 1, 1998.

Proposed charge expiration date: September 1, 2005.

Total estimated PFC revenue: \$1,210,647.00.

PFC application number: 97-01-C-00-ABI.

Brief description of proposed projects:

Projects To Impose and Use PFC's

Apron Reconstruction, Overlay Access Road and Install Perimeter Fencing (Phase 1);

Emergency Generator, Elevator, Airport Entrance Signage, and PAPI; Overlay and Mark Runway 17L/35R; Airfield Guidance Sign System; Overlay Taxiway D;

Groove Runway 17L/35R; Rehabilitate Runway 17R/35L, Taxiway C lighting, and Security Fencing, (Phase 2);

Overlay Runway 4-22, Security Fencing (Phase 3);

Terminal Renovation and Expansion; and

PFC Administrative Costs.

Proposed class or classes of air carriers to be exempted from collecting PFC's: None.

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** and at the FAA regional Airports office located at: Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Airports Division, Planning and Programming Branch, ASW-610D, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas 76137-4298.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at Abilene Regional Airport.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas on June 30, 1997.

Edward N. Agnew,

Acting Manager, Airports Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Approvals and Disapprovals

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Monthly Notice of PFC Approvals and Disapprovals. In June 1997, there were five applications approved. Additionally, two approved amendments to previously approved applications are listed.

SUMMARY: The FAA publishes a monthly notice, as appropriate, of PFC approvals

and disapprovals under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L. 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158). This notice is published pursuant to paragraph d of § 158.29.

PFC Applications Approved

Public Agency: Flathead Municipal Airport Authority, Kalispell, Montana.

Application Number: 97-02-C-00-FCA.

Application Type: Impose and use a PFC.

PFC Level: \$3.00.

Total Net PFC Revenue Approved in This Decision: \$8,217,803.

Earliest Charge Effective Date: November 1, 1999.

Estimated Charge Expiration Date: June 1, 2020.

Class of Air Carriers Not Required to Collect PFC's: Air taxi operators.

Determination: Approved. Based on information submitted by the public agency, the FAA has determined that the proposed class accounts for less than 1 percent of the total annual enplanements at the Glacier Park International Airport.

Brief Description of Projects Approved for Collection and Use: Terminal area expansion—building construction. Terminal area expansion—site work and road work.

Decision Date: June 3, 1997.

For Further Information Contact: David P. Gabbert, Helena Airports District Office, (406) 449-5271.

Public Agency: Palm Beach County Department of Airports, West Palm Beach, Florida.

Application Number: 97-03-U-00-PBI.

Application Type: Use PFC revenue.

PFC Level: \$3.00

Total PFC Revenue Approved for Use in This Decision: \$13,605,792.

Charge Effective Date: April 1, 1994.

Estimated Charge Expiration Date: July 1, 2000.

Class of Air Carriers Not Required to Collect PFC's: No change from previous decision.

Brief Description of Projects Approved for Use: Acquire land in Part 150 Noise Compatibility Plan (1997). Acquire land in Part 150 Noise Compatibility Plan (1998). Acquire land in Part 150 Noise Compatibility Plan (1999). Connector to Palm Beach International Airport. Part 150 Noise Compatibility study.

Decision Date: June 11, 1997.

For Further Information Contact: Bart Vernace, Orlando Airports District Office, (407) 812-6331.

Public Agency: City of Durango and County of La Plata, Durango, Colorado.