39. Talisman Energy USA Inc., Pad ID: 05 178 Peck Hill Farm, ABR–201101019.R1, Windham Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 6.0000 mgd; Approval Date: February 22, 2016.

40. XTO Energy Incorporated, Pad ID: Buck Unit A, ABR-201107041.R1, Penn Township, Lycoming County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.0000 mgd; Approval Date: February 22, 2016

41. XTO Energy Incorporated, Pad ID: TLT Unit A, ABR–201107017.R1, Jordan Township, Lycoming County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.0000 mgd; Approval Date: February 22, 2016.

42. Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC, Pad ID: Quail, ABR–201106018.R1, Fox Township, Sullivan County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: February 23,

43. Warren Marcellus LLC, Pad ID: Johnston 1 Pad, ABR–201106009.R1, Meshoppen Township, Wyoming County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 5.0000 mgd; Approval Date: February 26, 2016.

44. SWN Production Company, LLC, Pad ID: Longacre Pad, ABR–201101029.R1, Jackson Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.9900 mgd; Approval Date: February 29, 2016.

45. SWN Production Company, LLC, Pad ID: Gerfin Pad, ABR–201102022.R1, Lenox Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.9900 mgd; Approval Date: February 29, 2016.

46. SWN Production Company, LLC, Pad ID: Herman Well Pad, ABR-201102035.R1, Franklin Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.0000 mgd; Approval Date: February 29, 2016.

47. SWN Production Company, LLC, Pad ID: Demento Pad, ABR-201102036.R1, Stevens Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.9900 mgd; Approval Date: February 29, 2016.

48. SWN Production Company, LLC, Pad ID: Ransom Pad, ABR–201103007.R1, Lenox Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.9900 mgd; Approval Date: February 29, 2016.

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Dated: March 18, 2016.

## Stephanie L. Richardson,

Secretary to the Commission.

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# **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

#### **Federal Aviation Administration**

Twenty-Second Meeting: RTCA Special Committee (225) Rechargeable Lithium Batter and Battery Systems

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of Twenty-Second RTCA Special Committee 225 meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of the Twenty-Second RTCA Special Committee 225 meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held April 12–14, 2016 from 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at RTCA, Inc., 1150 18th Street NW., Suite 910, Washington, DC 20036, Tel: (202) 330–0662.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The RTCA Secretariat, 1150 18th Street NW., Suite 910, Washington, DC 20036, or by telephone at (202) 833–9339, fax at (202) 833–9434, or Web site at http://www.rtca.org or Jennifer Iversen, Program Director, RTCA, Inc., jiversen@rtca.org, (202) 330–0662.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 5 U.S.C., App.), notice is hereby given for a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 225. The agenda will include the following:

# Tuesday, April 12, 2016

- 1. Introductions and administrative items (including DFO & RTCA Statement) (5 min)
- 2. Review agenda (5 min)
- 3. Review and approve summary from the last Plenary (5 min)
- 4. Consider using ĎO–235 Thermal Runaway definition (30 min)
- 5. Discuss need for matrix that correlates DO-347 to DO-311A (30 min)
- 6. Additional business
- 7. Adjourn to working group a. Tasks to accomplish
- i. Continue updating draft DO–311A
- 8. Review Plenary action items (5 min)

# Wednesday, April 13, 2016

- 1. Review agenda, other actions (5 min)
- 2. Adjourn to working group
- 3. Review Plenary action items (5 min)

#### Thursday, April 14, 2016

- 1. Review agenda, other actions (5 min)
- 2. Establish Agenda for next Plenary (5 min)
- 3. Adjourn to working group
- 4. Working Group Report (5 min)
- 5. Review Plenary action items (5 min)
- 6. Adjourn

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Plenary information will be provided upon request. Persons who wish to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section. Members of the public may present a

written statement to the committee at any time.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 18, 2016.

#### Latasha Robinson,

Management & Program Analyst, NextGen, Enterprise Support Services Division, Federal Aviation Administration.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

## **Federal Aviation Administration**

# Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee—Open Meeting

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 5 U.S.C. App. 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee (COMSTAC). The meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 27, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Thursday, April 28, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the National Transportation Safety Board Conference Center, 429 L'Enfant Plaza SW., Washington, DC 20594. This will be the 63rd meeting of the COMSTAC.

The proposed schedule for the COMSTAC working group meetings on April 27 is below:

- —International Space Policy (8:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.)
- —Business/Legal (10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)
- —Standards (1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.)
- —Operations (3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.)

The full Committee will meet on April 28, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The proposed agenda for that meeting features speakers relevant to the commercial space transportation industry; and reports and recommendations from the working groups.

Interested members of the public may submit relevant written statements for the COMSTAC members to consider under the advisory process. Statements may concern the issues and agenda items mentioned above and/or additional issues that may be relevant for the U.S. commercial space transportation industry. Interested parties wishing to submit written statements should contact Michael Beavin, COMSTAC Executive Director, (the Contact Person listed below) and Designated Federal Officer in writing

(mail or email) by April 18, 2016, so that the information can be made available to COMSTAC members for their review and consideration before the April 27–28, 2016 meeting. Written statements should be supplied in the following formats: One hard copy with original signature and/or one electronic copy via email.

An agenda will be posted on the FAA Web site at www.faa.gov/go/ast. For specific information concerning the times and locations of the COMSTAC working group meetings, contact the Contact Person listed below.

Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should inform the Contact Persons listed below in advance of the meeting.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Beavin, telephone (202) 267–9051; email *Michael.beavin@faa.gov*, FAA Office of Commercial Space Transportation, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Room 331, Washington, DC 20591.

Complete information regarding COMSTAC is available on the FAA Web site at: http://www.faa.gov/about/office\_org/headquarters\_offices/ast/advisory\_committee/.

Issued in Washington, DC, March 18, 2016. **George C. Nield**,

Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

# **Federal Aviation Administration**

Orders Limiting Operations at John F. Kennedy International Airport, LaGuardia Airport and Newark Liberty International Airport

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of limited waiver of the slot usage requirement.

SUMMARY: This action announces a limited waiver of the requirement to use Operating Authorizations (slots) at John F. Kennedy International Airport, LaGuardia Airport, and Newark Liberty International Airport due to significant impacts of winter weather in January 2016. This policy is effective from January 22, 2016, through January 26, 2016. Carriers who seek to obtain a waiver must submit information on flight cancellations and the slots for which relief is requested.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* Effective upon publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions concerning this Notice contact: Susan Pfingstler, System Operations Services, Air Traffic Organization, Federal Aviation Administration, 600 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267–6462; email susan.pfingstler@faa.gov.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### **Background**

Under the FAA's Orders limiting operations at John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK), New York LaGuardia Airport (LGA), and Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR), slots must be used at least 80 percent of the time. 1 This usage requirement is expected to accommodate routine cancellations under all but the most unusual circumstances. Slots not meeting the minimum usage rules will be withdrawn or not receive historic precedence for the following scheduling season, depending on the airport. The FAA may grant a waiver from the minimum usage requirement in highly unusual and unpredictable conditions that are beyond the control of the carrier and affect carrier operations for five or more consecutive days at JFK, LGA, and EWR.

Recent weather on the East Coast severely disrupted aviation and other modes of transportation. A winter storm from January 22 to January 24, 2016, impacting the mid-Atlantic and Northeast regions, resulted in record snowfall levels in several locations, including the New York City area. The storm impacted a widespread area in the eastern U.S., including airports with regularly scheduled flights to or from the New York City area. The storm resulted in reduced airport capacity due to snow accumulation on runways and taxiways. Further, this storm covered a wide geographical area and impacted capacity and operations at outlying airports with service to EWR, JFK, and LGA.

Carriers responded to the forecasted storm by proactively cancelling flights to avoid stranding passengers, to minimize the number of aircraft on the ground at airports affected by the storm, and to position aircraft and crews to implement network recovery plans and resume normal operations as soon as possible. Cumulative effects from the storm impacted operations for some carriers until January 26, 2016.

FAA operational data (OPSNET) on the number of actual air carrier and air taxi operations at EWR, JFK, and LGA indicate flight cancellations began on January 22 and the impacts were most significant on Saturday, January 23 and Sunday, January 24. On January 22, about 20 percent of EWR and LGA flights were cancelled compared to other Fridays in January while about ten percent of JFK flights were cancelled. On January 23, EWR had 18 air carrier and air taxi operations, IFK had 58 and LGA had three. On January 24, EWR had 67 air carrier and air taxi operations, JFK had 447, and LGA had 107. On January 25 and 26, EWR had less than 60 percent of typical January traffic levels while snow removal efforts continued. All three airports were at typical operation levels by Wednesday, January 27. Consequently, some carriers have advised the FAA of plans to request a waiver of the minimum slot usage requirements due to the number of flight cancellations and the extent and duration of disruptions.

## **Statement of Policy**

The FAA has determined that the facts described above meet the criteria for a limited waiver of the minimum slot usage requirement. The winter storm caused cumulative effects with operational disruptions that impacted carriers at the New York City area slot controlled airports lasting five consecutive days. The FAA believes the impact of this storm on air travel constitutes unusual and unpredictable circumstances.

The FAA has determined that adopting a policy setting forth conditions for a waiver of the usage policy during the January 22-26, 2016, period is warranted in these circumstances. However, this waiver will apply only to flights that were scheduled to operate on one or more of the impacted days. A carrier seeking to obtain the relief consistent with this Notice is required to submit detailed information regarding scheduled flights, cancellations, and the associated slots at each airport for each day relief is requested, as discussed further in this Notice.

As the FAA has stated previously, waivers to the usage requirements will not be granted routinely. Slot rules allow for up to 20 percent nonuse, including planned and unplanned cancellations. This is expected to accommodate weather and other cancellations or planned non-use of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Operating Limitations at John F. Kennedy International Airport, 79 FR 16855 (March 26, 2014). Operating Limitations at New York LaGuardia Airport, 79 FR 17223 (March 26, 2014). Operating Limitation at Newark Liberty International Airport, 79 FR 16.859 (March 26, 2014).