

human health or environmental effects, including interrelated social and economic effects, which may include, but are not limited to: bodily impairment, infirmity, illness or death; air, noise, and water pollution and soil contamination; destruction or disruption of man-made or natural resources; destruction or diminution of aesthetic values; destruction or disruption of community cohesion or a community's economic vitality; destruction or disruption of the availability of public and private facilities and services; vibration; adverse employment effects; displacement of persons, businesses, farms, or nonprofit organizations; increased traffic congestion, isolation, exclusion or separation of minority or low-income individuals within a given community or from the broader community; and the denial of, reduction in, or significant delay in the receipt of, benefits of DOT programs, policies, or activities.

g. *Disproportionately high and adverse effect on minority and low-income populations* means an adverse effect that:

(1) is predominately borne by a minority population and/or a low-income population, or

(2) will be suffered by the minority population and/or low-income population and is appreciably more severe or greater in magnitude than the adverse effect that will be suffered by the non-minority population and/or non-low-income population.

h. *Programs, policies, and/or activities* means all projects, programs, policies, and activities that affect human health or the environment, and which are undertaken or approved by DOT. These include, but are not limited to, permits, licenses, and financial assistance provided by DOT. Interrelated projects within a system may be considered to be a single project, program, policy or activity for purposes of this Order.

i. *Regulations and guidance* means regulations, programs, policies, guidance, and procedures promulgated, issued, or approved by DOT.

* These definitions are intended to be consistent with the draft definitions for E.O. 12898 that have been issued by the Council on Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency. To the extent that these definitions vary from the CEQ and EPA draft definitions, they reflect further refinements deemed necessary to tailor the definitions to fit within the context of the DOT program.

Federico F. Peña,

Secretary of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA, Inc.; Special Committee 169, Aeronautical Data Link Applications

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for Special Committee (SC)-169 meeting to be held April 28-May 1, 1997, starting at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at RTCA, Inc., 1140 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 1020, Washington, DC, 20036.

The agenda will include: April 28-29 Working Group (WG)-2, Required Communications Performance; April 30-May 1, Plenary Session: (1) Plenary Administration: Chairman's Introductory Remarks; Review and Approval and Meeting Agenda; Review and Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting; Review of Outstanding Action Items; (2) Working Group Progress: WG-1, Air Traffic Services Data Link Communications; WG-2, Required Communications Performance; WG-3, Flight Information Services Communications; WG-4, Coordination of Communications Capability Implementation; WG-5, Ground/Ground Traffic Flow Management Applications; WG-6, Human Factors Guidelines; (3) Plenary Business: Final Review/Approval of *Minimum Aviation System Performance Standard (MASPS) for Air Traffic Management (ATM)*—Aeronautical Operational Control (AOC) Ground-Ground Information Exchange, RTCA Paper No. 440-96/SC169-273; Review and SARP Compliant Documents; Discussion of Future of SC-169 Work Efforts; (4) Other Business; (5) Date and Place of Next Meeting.

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. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., 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 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, May 14, 1997, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in Room 9230 of the Department of Transportation's Headquarters building at 400 Seventh Street, SW., in Washington, DC. This will be the twenty-fifth meeting of the COMSTAC.

The agenda for the meeting will include reports from the respective COMSTAC Working Groups; a legislative update on Congressional activities involving commercial space transportation; an activities report from FAA's Acting Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation (formerly the Office of Commercial Space Transportation [60 FR 62762, December 7, 1995]); and other related topics.

The meeting is open to the public; however, space may be limited.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Parker, (AST-200), Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation, 400 7th Street SW., Room 5415, Washington, DC 20590, telephone (202) 366-2932.

Dated: April 8, 1997.

Patricia G. Smith,

Acting Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation.

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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 March 1997, there were six applications approved. Additionally, six approved amendments to previously approved applications are listed.