

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Notice of Intent to Rule on Application to Use the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Columbia Metropolitan Airport, Columbia, South Carolina**

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 use the revenue from a PFC at Columbia Metropolitan 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 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Atlanta Airports District Office, Campus Building, 1701 Columbia Avenue, Suite 2-260, Atlanta, GA 30337-2747.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to: Mr. Robert H. Waddle, Executive Director, Richland-Lexington Airport Commission, Post Office Box 280037, Columbia, South Carolina 29228-0037.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the Richland-Lexington Airport Commission under section 158.23 of Part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Southern Region, Atlanta Airports District Office, Mr. E.C. Hunnicutt, Program Manager, 1701 Columbia Avenue, Suite 2-260, Atlanta, GA 30337-2747. 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 use the revenue from a PFC at Columbia Metropolitan 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 July 7, 1997, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by

Commission was substantially complete within the requirements of section 158.25 of part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than October 23, 1997.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

Level of the proposed PFC: \$3.00.

Proposed charge effective date: November 1, 1993.

Proposed charge expiration date: September 1, 2008.

Total estimated PFC revenue: \$587,186.

Application number: 97-02-U-00-CAE.

Brief description of proposed project(s): Runway/Taxiway Overlay.

Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFCs: Nonscheduled operations by Air Taxi/Commercial Operators filing Form 1800-31.

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the Richland-Lexington Airport Commission.

Issued in Atlanta, Georgia on July 7, 1997.

Dell T. Jernigan,

Manager, Atlanta Airports District Office, Southern Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Highway Administration****Environmental Impact Statement: Prince George's County, Maryland**

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for a proposed multi-modal project in Prince George's County, Maryland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Renee Sigel, Planning, Research, and Environment Team Leader, Federal Highway Administration, The Rotunda Suite 220, 711 West 40th Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21211, Telephone: (410) 962-4440.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Maryland State Highway Administration, will prepare a first tier

environmental impact statement (EIS) on proposed corridors and transportation modes to improve US 301 through Prince George's County. The proposed corridor extends from the MD 5 interchange at T.B. to US 50 (approximately 21.3 miles/34.3 km).

Existing and projected growth in population and development is creating traffic congestion in southern Maryland along existing US 301 between US 50 and MD 5. The local roadway network will reach capacity and will be unable to accommodate this increased travel demand. Improvements within the corridor will address safety problems and accommodate existing and projected travel demand.

The corridor to be studied in the first tier EIS includes and is adjacent to existing US 301. The modes include: fully controlled access highway, transportation systems management (TSM), and bus service.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, local agencies, private organizations, and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have an interest in this project. A Public Hearing is tentatively scheduled for the Fall of 1997. The Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to a Public Hearing. Public notice will be given of the availability of the Draft EIS for review and of the time and place of this hearing.

Project scoping was initiated through formation of the US 301 Task Force, which included representatives of Federal, State and Local governments, elected officials, local area civic, environmental and business leaders, and concerned citizens. A series of Task Force Information Workshops and Public Hearings were held on June 17, June 19, and July 9, 1996, in Bowie, Waldorf and Upper Marlboro, respectively. At the meetings, the history and the goals of the US 301 Task Force were reviewed. The Task Force's preliminary recommendations were presented and consisted of the integration of new local land use policies, transportation demand strategies, transit options, and highway improvements.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning these proposed actions and EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research,

Planning and Construction. The regulation implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernment consultation of Federal programs and activities apply to this program).

Issued on: July 9, 1997.

Renee Sigel,

Planning, Research and Environment Team Leader, Baltimore, Maryland.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Ex Parte No. 558]

Railroad Cost of Capital—1996

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of decision.

SUMMARY: On July 16, 1997, the Board served a decision to update its estimate of the railroad industry's cost of capital for 1996. The composite cost of capital rate for 1996 is found to be 11.9%, based on a current cost of debt of 7.4%; a cost of common equity capital of 13.9%; a cost of preferred equity capital of 2.3%; and a 28.0% debt, 70.7% common equity, 1.3% preferred equity capital structure mix. The cost of capital finding made in this proceeding will be used in a variety of Board proceedings.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This action is effective July 16, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Leonard J. Blistein, (202) 565-1529. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 565-1695.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The cost of capital finding in this decision shall be used to evaluate the adequacy of railroad revenues for 1996 under the standards and procedures promulgated in *Standards for Railroad Revenue Adequacy*, 3 I.C.C.2d 261 (1986). This finding may also be used in other Board proceedings involving, for example, the prescription of maximum reasonable rate levels and proposed abandonments of rail lines. Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To obtain a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: DC NEWS & DATA, INC., Room 210, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. Telephone: (202) 289-4357. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services (202) 565-1695.]

Environmental and Energy Considerations

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), we conclude that our action in this proceeding will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The purpose and effect of this action are to update the annual railroad industry cost of capital finding by the Board. No new reporting or other regulatory requirements are imposed, directly or indirectly, on small entities.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 10704(a).

Decided: July 2, 1997.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33387]

Southern Electric Railroad Company—Construction and Operation Exemption—West Jefferson, AL

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: Under 49 U.S.C. 10502, the Board conditionally exempts from the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10901 the construction and operation of 4.5 miles of railroad beginning near milepost 821, on the Norfolk Southern (NS) main line, located near the intersection of U.S. Highway 78 and Jefferson County Road No. 45 near West Jefferson, Jefferson County, AL and connecting with the industry track facilities of the James H. Miller, Jr. Steam Electric Generating Plant located near the south bank of the Locust Fork of the Black Warrior River, approximately 20 miles northwest of Birmingham, AL. The grant is subject to our further consideration of the anticipated environmental impacts of the proposal.

DATES: The exemption will be effective, if appropriate, following completion of the environmental review process and issuance of a further decision addressing the environmental impacts. Petitions to reopen must be filed by August 5, 1997.

ADDRESSES: An original and 10 copies of all pleadings referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33387 must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington DC 20423-0001; in addition a copy of all pleadings must be served on petitioner's

representative: John R. Molm, Troutman Sanders LLP, 1300 Eye St., N.W., Suite 500 East, Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph H. Dettmar, (202) 565-1600. [TDD for the hearing impaired (202) 565-1695.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call or pick up in person from: DC NEWS & DATA, INC., 1925 K Street, N.W., Suite 210, Washington, DC 20006. Telephone: (202) 289-4357. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services (202) 565-1695.]

Decided: July 1, 1997.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 1000

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 1000, Ownership Certificate.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before September 15, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Martha R. Brinson, (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Ownership Certificate.