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Comments Invited

Although this action is in the form of a final rule and was not preceded by a notice of proposed rulemaking, comments are invited on this rule. Interested persons are invited to comment on this rule by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Communications should identify the Rules Docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address specified under the caption **ADDRESSES**. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments will be considered, and this rule may be amended or withdrawn in light of the comments received. Factual information that supports the commenter's ideas and suggestions is extremely helpful in evaluating the effectiveness of this action and determining whether additional rulemaking action would be needed.

Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the rule that might suggest a need to modify the rule. All comments submitted will be available, both before and after the closing date for comments, in the Rules Docket for examination by interested persons. A report that summarizes each FAA-public contact concerned with the substance of this action will be filed in the Rules Docket.

Commenters wishing to the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments submitted in response to this rule must submit a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket No. 98-ACE-59." The postcard

will be date stamped and returned to the commenter.

Agency Findings

The regulations adopted herein will not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Therefore, in accordance with Executive Order 12612, it is determined that this final rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

The FAA has determined that this regulation is noncontroversial and unlikely to result in adverse or negative comments. For the reasons discussed in the preamble, I certify that this regulation (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under Department of Transportation (DOT) Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979); and (3) if promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

Adoption of the Amendment

Accordingly, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

PART 71—DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, CLASS B, CLASS C, CLASS D, AND CLASS E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIRWAYS; ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

1. The authority citation for part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389.

§ 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9F, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 10, 1998, and effective September 16, 1998, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6002 Class E airspace areas designated as a surface area for an airport.

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ACE KS E2 Garden City, KS [Revised]

Garden City Regional Airport, KS

(Lat. 37°55'39"N., long. 100°43'28"W.)

Garden City VORTAC

(Lat. 37°55'09"N., long. 100°43'30"W.)

Within a 4.1-mile radius of the Garden City Regional Airport and within 2.2 miles each side of the Garden City VORTAC 004° radial extending from the 4.1-mile radius to 7 miles north of the VORTAC and within 2.2 miles each side of the Garden City VORTAC 171° radial extending from the 4.1-mile radius to 5 miles south of the VORTAC.

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Paragraph 6005 Class E airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth

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ACE KS E5 Garden City, KS [Revised]

Garden City Regional Airport, KS

(Lat. 37°55'39"N., long. 100°43'28"W.)

Garden City VORTAC

(Lat. 37°55'09"N., long. 100°43'30"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.8 mile-radius of Garden City Regional Airport and within 4 miles east and 8 miles west of the 004° radial of the Garden City VORTAC extending from the airport to 16 miles north of the VORTAC.

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Issued in Kansas City, MO, on December 16, 1998.

Christopher R. Blum,

Acting Manager, Air Traffic Division, Central Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 98-ACE-60]

Amendment to Class E Airspace; Liberal, KS

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Direct final rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This action amends Class E airspace area at Liberal Municipal Airport, Liberal, KS. A review of the Class E airspace area for Liberal Municipal Airport indicates it does not comply with the criteria for 700 feet Above Ground Level (AGL) airspace required for diverse departures as specified in FAA Order 7400.2D. The Class E airspace has been enlarged to conform to the criteria of FAA Order 7400.2D. The intended effect of this rule is to provide additional controlled Class E airspace for aircraft operating under Instrument Flight Rules (IFR), and comply with the criteria of FAA Order 7400.2D.

DATES: *Effective Date:* 0901 UTC, May 20, 1999.

Comments for inclusion in the Rules Docket must be received on or before February 15, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the rule in triplicate to: Manager, Airspace Branch, Air Traffic Division, ACE-520, Federal Aviation Administration, Docket Number 98-ACE-60, 601 East 12th Street, Kansas City, MO 64106.

The official docket may be examined in the Office of the Regional Counsel for the Central Region at the same address between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours in the Air Traffic Division at the same address listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathy Randolph, Air Traffic Division, Airspace Branch, ACE-520C, Federal Aviation Administration, 601 East 12th Street, Kansas City, MO 64106; telephone: (816) 426-3408.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This amendment to 14 CFR 71 revises the Class E airspace at Liberal, KS. A review of the Class E airspace for Liberal Municipal Airport indicates it does not meet the criteria for 700 feet AGL airspace required for diverse departures as specified in FAA Order 7400.2D. The criteria in FAA Order 7400.2D for an aircraft to reach 1200 feet AGL is based on a standard climb gradient of 200 feet per mile plus the distance from the ARP to the end of the outermost runway. Any fractional part of a mile is converted to the next higher tenth of a mile. The amendment at Liberal Municipal Airport, KS, will provide additional airspace for aircraft operating under IFR, and comply with the criteria of FAA Order 7400.2D. The area will be depicted on appropriate aeronautical charts. Class E airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9F, dated September 10, 1998, and effective September 16, 1998, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designation listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

The Direct Final Rule Procedure

The FAA anticipates that this regulation will not result in adverse or negative comment and, therefore, is issuing it as a direct final rule. Previous actions of this nature have not been controversial and have not resulted in adverse comments or objections. The

amendment will enhance safety for all flight operations by designating an area where VFR pilots may anticipate the presence of IFR aircraft at lower altitudes, especially during inclement weather conditions. A greater degree of safety is achieved by depicting the area on aeronautical charts. Unless a written adverse or negative comment, or a written notice of intent to submit an adverse or negative comment is received within the comment period, the regulation will become effective on the date specified above. After the close of the comment period, the FAA will publish a document in the **Federal Register** indicating that no adverse or negative comments were received and confirming the date on which the final rule will become effective. If the FAA does receive, within the comment period, an adverse or negative comment, or written notice of intent to submit such a comment, a document withdrawing the direct final rule will be published in the **Federal Register**, and a notice of proposed rulemaking may be published with a new comment period.

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statement is made: "Comments to Docket No. 98-ACE-60." The postcard will be date stamped and returned to the commenter.

Agency Findings

The regulations adopted herein will not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Therefore, in accordance with Executive Order 12612, it is determined that this final rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

The FAA has determined that this regulation is noncontroversial and unlikely to result in adverse or negative comments. For the reasons discussed in the preamble, I certify that this regulation (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under Department of Transportation (DOT) Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979); and (3) if promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act

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2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9F, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 10, 1998, and effective September 16, 1998, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6005 Class E airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth.

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ACE KS E5 Liberal, KS [Revised]

Liberal Municipal Airport, KS
(Lat. 37°02'39"N., long. 100°57'36"W.)

Liberal VORTAC

(Lat. 37°02'40"N., long. 100°58'16"W.)

Liberal Municipal Airport ILS

(Lat. 37°03'27"N., long. 100°57'23"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.4-mile radius of Liberal Municipal Airport and within 2.6 miles each side of the 027° radial of the Liberal VORTAC extending from the 6.4-mile radius to 8.7 miles northeast of the VORTAC and within 2.6 miles each side of the 153° radial of the Liberal VORTAC extending from the 6.4-mile radius to 8.7 miles southeast of the VORTAC and within 3 miles either side of the ILS localizer course extending from the 6.4-mile radius to 12 miles south of the airport and within 3 miles each side of the 206° radial of the Liberal VORTAC extending from the 6.4-mile radius to 8.7 miles southwest of the VORTAC.

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Christopher R. Blum,

*Acting Manager, Air Traffic Division,
Central Region.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****14 CFR Part 71**

[Airspace Docket No. 98-ACE-47]

**Amendment to Class E Airspace;
Grinnell, IA**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Direct final rule; confirmation of effective date.

SUMMARY: This document confirms the effective date of a direct final rule which revises Class E airspace at Grinnell, IA.

DATES: The direct final rule published at 63 FR 64181 is effective on 0901 UTC, March 25, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathy Randolph, Air Traffic Division, Airspace Branch, ACE-520C, Federal Aviation Administration, 601 East 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone: (816) 426-3408.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA published this direct final rule with a request for comments in the **Federal Register** on November 19, 1998 (63 FR 64181). The FAA uses the direct final rulemaking procedure for a non-controversial rule where the FAA believes that there will be no adverse public comment. This direct final rule advised the public that no adverse

comments were anticipated, and that unless a written adverse comment, or a written notice of intent to submit such an adverse comment, were received within the comment period, the regulation would become effective on March 25, 1999. No adverse comments were received, and thus this notice confirms that this direct final rule will become effective on that date.

Issued in Kansas City, MO on December 29, 1998.

Jack L. Skelton,

Acting Manager, Air Traffic Division, Central Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****14 CFR Part 71**

[Airspace Docket No. 98-ACE-46]

**Amendment to Class E Airspace;
Concordia, KS**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Direct final rule; confirmation of effective date.

SUMMARY: This document confirms the effective date of a direct final rule which revises Class E airspace at Concordia, KS.

DATES: The direct final rule published at 63 FR 63140 is effective on 0901 UTC, March 25, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathy Randolph, Air Traffic Division, Airspace Branch, ACE-520C, Federal Aviation Administration, 601 East 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone: (816) 426-3408.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA published this direct final rule with a request for comments in the **Federal Register** on November 12, 1998 (63 FR 63140). The FAA uses the direct final rulemaking procedure for a non-controversial rule where the FAA believes that there will be no adverse public comment. This direct final rule advised the public that no adverse comments were anticipated, and that unless a written adverse comment, or a written notice of intent to submit such an adverse comment, were received within the comment period, the regulation would become effective on March 25, 1999. No adverse comments were received, and thus this notice confirms that this direct final rule will become effective on that date.

Issued in Kansas City, MO on December 29, 1998.

Jack L. Skelton,

Acting Manager, Air Traffic Division, Central Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****14 CFR Part 71**

[Airspace Docket No. 98-AEA-14]

RIN 2120-AA66

Amendment of Legal Description of Jet Route J-522 in the Vicinity of Rochester, NY

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action amends the legal description of Jet Route 522 (J-522) in the Rochester, NY, area, between the Toronto Flight Information Region/Control Area (FIR/CTA) and the Hancock Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range/Distance Measuring Equipment (VOR/DME), NY. Specifically, this action adds Rochester as a navigation facility and changeover point on J-522. This action will enhance the management of air traffic operations and allow for better utilization of the navigable airspace.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective 0901 UTC, March 25, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Sheri Edgett Baron, Airspace and Rules Division, ATA-400, Office of Air Traffic Airspace Management, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267-8783.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Rule

This action amends 14 CFR part 71 by amending the legal description of J-522 located in the Rochester, NY, area, between the Toronto FIR/CTA and the Hancock VOR/DME. The FAA is taking this action to enhance the management of air traffic operations and allow for better utilization of the navigable airspace. The segment of J-522 between KLOPS DME Fix and the EXTOL Intersection is unusable for navigation in the current configuration and must be realigned. Realignment J-522 by adding Rochester as a navigation facility and changeover point will allow the airway to be used for navigation.

Since this action merely involves changes in the legal description of J-