

been eliminated, the request should include specific proposed actions to address it.

**Compliance:** Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously.

To detect and correct cracking of the forward and aft inner chords and the splice fitting of the forward inner chord of the station 2598 bulkhead, which could result in reduced structural capability of the bulkhead and the inability of the structure to carry horizontal stabilizer flight loads, accomplish the following:

#### Initial Inspection

(a) Prior to the accumulation of 13,000 total flight cycles, or within 1,000 flight cycles after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later: Accomplish the requirements specified in paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this AD.

(1) Perform a high frequency eddy current inspection (HFEC) to detect cracking of the forward and aft inner chords of the station 2598 bulkhead, in accordance with Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 747-53A2427, dated December 17, 1998.

(2) Perform an HFEC inspection to detect cracking of the splice fitting along the upper and lower attachment to the forward inner chord of the station 2598 bulkhead, as shown in Figure 2, Detail A, of Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 747-53A2427, dated December 17, 1998.

**Note 2:** Operators should note that the inspection area specified in paragraph (a)(2) of this AD is NOT highlighted in Figure 2, Detail A, of Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 747-53A2427, dated December 17, 1998.

#### Repetitive Inspections

(b) Within 3,000 flight cycles after accomplishment of the inspections required by paragraph (a) of this AD: Accomplish the inspections specified in paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2) of this AD. Repeat the inspection thereafter at intervals not to exceed 3,000 flight cycles.

(1) Perform a detailed visual inspection to detect cracking of the forward and aft inner chords of the station 2598 bulkhead, in accordance with Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 747-53A2427, dated December 17, 1998.

**Note 3:** For the purposes of this AD, a detailed visual inspection is defined as: "An intensive visual examination of a specific structural area, system, installation, or assembly to detect damage, failure, or irregularity. Available lighting is normally supplemented with a direct source of good lighting at intensity deemed appropriate by the inspector. Inspection aids such as mirror, magnifying lenses, etc., may be used. Surface cleaning and elaborate access procedures may be required."

(2) Perform a detailed visual inspection to detect cracking of the splice fitting along the upper and lower attachment to the forward inner chord of the station 2598 bulkhead, as shown in Figure 3, Detail A, of Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 747-53A2427, dated December 17, 1998.

**Note 4:** Operators should note that the inspection area specified in paragraph (b)(2) of this AD is NOT highlighted in Figure 3,

Detail A, of Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 747-53A2427, dated December 17, 1998.

#### Repair

(c) If any cracking is detected during the inspections required by paragraph (a)(1) or (b)(1) of this AD, prior to further flight, repair in accordance with Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 747-53A2427, dated December 17, 1998, except as provided by paragraph (d) of this AD.

(d) If any cracking is detected during the inspections required by paragraph (a)(2) or (b)(2) of this AD, or where the alert service bulletin specifies that the manufacturer may be contacted for disposition of certain repair conditions, prior to further flight, repair in accordance with a method approved by the Manager, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate; or in accordance with data meeting the type certification basis of the airplane approved by a Boeing Company Designated Engineering Representative (DER) who has been authorized by the Manager, Seattle ACO, to make such findings. For a repair method to be approved by the Manager, Seattle ACO, or a Boeing DER, as required by this paragraph, the approval letter must specifically reference this AD.

#### Alternative Methods of Compliance

(e) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, Seattle ACO. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Seattle ACO.

**Note 5:** Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Seattle ACO.

#### Special Flight Permits

(f) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with sections 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the airplane to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished. Issued in Renton, Washington, on November 1, 1999.

#### D. L. Riggin,

*Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 99-AWA-10]

RIN 2120-AA66

#### Proposed Revocation of the El Toro Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Class C Airspace Area, and Revision of the Santa Ana Class C Airspace Area; California

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** This notice proposes to revoke the El Toro MCAS, CA, Class C airspace area and to remove reference to the El Toro MCAS Class C airspace area in the description of the Santa Ana, CA, Class C airspace area. The FAA is taking this action due to the closure of the El Toro MCAS air traffic control (ATC) facilities. This proposal would not change the dimensions, operating requirements, or flight paths of the current Santa Ana Class C airspace area.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before December 23, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration, Office of the Chief Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket, AGC-200, Airspace Docket No. 99-AWA-10, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. Comments may also be sent electronically to the following Internet address: [nprmcmts@mail.hq.faa.gov](mailto:nprmcmts@mail.hq.faa.gov). The official docket may be examined in the Rules Docket, Office of the Chief Counsel, Room 916, weekdays, except Federal holidays, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the FAA Western-Pacific Regional Office.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ken McElroy, 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:

#### Comments Invited

Interested parties are invited to participate in this proposed rulemaking by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Comments that provide the factual basis supporting the views and suggestions

presented are particularly helpful in developing reasoned regulatory decisions on the proposal. Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, aeronautical, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal. Communications should identify the airspace docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address listed above. Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments on this notice must submit with those comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Airspace Docket No. 99-AWA-10." The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter. All communications received on or before the specified closing date for comments will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposal contained in this notice may be changed in light of comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination in the Rules Docket both before and after the closing date for comments. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will also be filed in the docket.

#### Availability of NPRM's

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded from the FAA regulations section of the Fedworld electronic bulletin board service (telephone: 703-321-3339) or the **Federal Register's** electronic bulletin board service (telephone: 202-512-1661) using a modem and suitable communications software.

Internet users may reach the FAA's web page at <http://www.faa.gov> or the **Federal Register's** webpage at <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara> for access to recently published rulemaking documents.

Any person may obtain a copy of this NPRM by submitting a request to the Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Air Traffic Airspace Management, Attention: Airspace and Rules Division, ATA-400, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, or by calling (202) 267-8783.

Communications must identify the notice number of this NPRM. Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRM's should contact the Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Rulemaking, (202) 267-9677, to request a copy of Advisory Circular No. 11-2A, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Distribution System, which describes the application procedure.

#### Background

Effective July 2, 1999, the United States Marine Corps permanently terminated ATC service at El Toro MCAS as a result of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) recommendations and decisions. Therefore, there is no longer a requirement to retain a Class C airspace area at El Toro MCAS.

#### The Proposal

This action proposes to amend 14 CFR part 71 by revoking the El Toro MCAS Class C airspace area. The proposed removal of the airspace area is necessary due to the closure of the ATC facilities at El Toro MCAS. The current Class C airspace area would revert to Class E controlled airspace. This proposed action also would revise the Santa Ana Class C airspace area by removing references to El Toro MCAS from the description. These proposed actions revoke the Class C airspace designation and revise the description for the Santa Ana Class C airspace area, but do not change the dimensions, operating requirements, or flight patterns in the area.

The FAA has determined that this proposed regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. Therefore, this proposed action: (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

The coordinates for this airspace docket are based on North American Datum 83. Class C airspace designations are published in paragraph 4000 of FAA Order 7400.9G, dated September 1, 1999, and effective September 16, 1999, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class C airspace designation listed in this document would be removed from the Order.

#### List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

#### The Proposed Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 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 the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9G, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 1, 1999, and effective September 16, 1999, is amended as follows:

*Paragraph 4000 Subpart C—Class C Airspace.*

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**AWP CA C El Toro MCAS, CA [Removed]**  
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**AWP CA C Santa Ana, CA [Revised]**  
 John Wayne Airport/Orange County, CA  
 (lat. 33°40'32" N., long. 117°52'06" W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 4,400 feet MSL within a 5-mile radius of the John Wayne Airport/Orange County excluding that airspace east of a line between lat. 33°44'12" N., long. 117°48'00" W.; and lat. 33°36'55" N., long. 117°47'58" W.; and that airspace extending upward from 2,500 feet MSL to and including 4,400 feet MSL within a 10-mile radius of the John Wayne Airport/Orange County, west of a line from lat. 33°36'55" N., long. 117°47'58" W.; to lat. 33°31'09" N., long. 117°47'56" W. clockwise to the 175° bearing from John Wayne Airport/Orange County; and that airspace extending upward from 1,500 feet MSL to and including 4,400 feet MSL within a 10-mile radius of John Wayne Airport/Orange County from the 175° bearing clockwise to the 201° bearing from John Wayne Airport/Orange County; and that airspace extending upward from 3,500 feet MSL to and including 5,400 feet MSL within a 10-mile radius of John Wayne Airport/Orange County from the 201° bearing from the airport to the shoreline, excluding that airspace west of a line from the 351° bearing from John Wayne Airport/Orange County to the 251° bearing from John Wayne Airport/Orange County; and that airspace extending upward from 2,500 feet MSL to and including 5,400 feet MSL within a 10-mile radius of John Wayne Airport/Orange County from the shoreline to the San Diego Freeway (I-405), excluding that airspace west of a line from the 351° bearing from John Wayne Airport/Orange County to the 251° bearing from John Wayne Airport/Orange County; and that airspace extending

upward from 2,500 feet MSL to and including 4,400 feet MSL within a 10-mile radius of John Wayne Airport/Orange County from the San Diego Freeway clockwise to the 360° bearing from the John Wayne Airport/Orange County, excluding that airspace west of a line from the 351° bearing from John Wayne Airport/Orange County to the 251° bearing from John Wayne Airport/Orange County; and that airspace extending upward from 2,000 feet MSL to and including 4,400 feet MSL within a 10-mile radius of John Wayne Airport/Orange County from the 360° bearing from the John Wayne Airport/Orange County clockwise to a line from lat. 33°49'58" N., long. 117°48'02" W.; to lat. 33°44'12" N., long. 117°48'00" W. This Class C airspace area is effective during the specific days and hours of operation of the Orange County Tower and Approach Control as established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective dates and times will thereafter be continuously published in the Airport/Facility Directory.

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Issued in Washington, DC on November 1, 1999.

**Reginald C. Matthews,**

*Manager, Airspace and Rules Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### 18 CFR Part 35

[Docket No. RM99-12-000]

#### Designation of Electric Rate Schedule Sheets October 28, 1999.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is proposing to amend its regulations to require prospectively the inclusion of a proposed designation for all rate schedule sheets filed with the Commission by public utilities. The proposed rule would streamline rate schedule sheet designation procedures for the Commission and the electric industry. The proposed rule also would conform public utility tariff filing procedures with those for interstate natural gas and oil pipelines. This revision to the regulations is necessary to accommodate the movement toward an integrated energy industry and to facilitate the development of common standards for the electronic filing of all electric, gas, and oil rate schedule sheets.

**DATES:** Comments are due December 6, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

H. Keith Pierce (Technical Information), Office of Pipeline Regulation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-0525.

Julia Tuzon (Technical Information), Office of Electric Power Regulation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-0256.

Connie Caldwell (Legal Information), Office of the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-2027.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission also provides all interested persons an opportunity to inspect or copy the contents of this document during normal business hours in the Public Reference Room at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission Issuance Posting System (CIPS) provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission from November 14, 1994, to the present. CIPS can be accessed via Internet through FERC's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.fed.us>) using the CIPS Link or the Energy Information Online icon. Documents will be available on CIPS on ASCII and WordPerfect 8.0. user assistance is available at 202-208-2474 or by E-mail to [cips.master@ferc.fed.us](mailto:cips.master@ferc.fed.us).

This document is also available through the Commission's Records and Information Management System (RIMS), an electronic storage and retrieval system of documents submitted to and issued by the Commission after November 16, 1981. Documents from November 1995 to the present can be viewed and printed. RIMS is available in the Public Reference Room or remotely via Internet through FERC's Home Page using the RIMS link or the Energy Information Online icon. User assistance is available at 202-208-2222, or by E-mail to [rimsmaster@ferc.fed.us](mailto:rimsmaster@ferc.fed.us).

Finally, the complete text on diskette in WordPerfect format may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, RVJ International, Inc. RVJ International, Inc. is located in the Public Reference Room at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is proposing to amend its regulations to require

prospectively the inclusion of a proposed designation<sup>1</sup> on all rate schedule sheets filed with the Commission by public utilities. The proposed rule would streamline rate schedule sheet designation procedures for the Commission and the electric industry.

The proposed rule also would conform the procedures for identifying public utility tariff filings with those for interstate natural gas and oil pipelines. This revision to the regulations is necessary to accommodate the movement toward an integrated energy industry and to facilitate the development of common standards for the electronic filing of all electric, gas, and oil rate schedule sheets. However, it has not been determined what the common standards for electronic filing will be or the format that will be followed. For example, it has not been decided whether a page-based or non-page-based system would be most effective. These determinations will be developed by the Commission as it moves forward with electronic filing.

#### I. Background

Section 205(c) of the Federal Power Act (FPA)<sup>2</sup> and section 4(c) of the Natural Gas Act<sup>3</sup> provide that the Commission is charged with the responsibility to keep schedules showing all rates and charges, in such form as the Commission may designate, for any jurisdictional transmission or sale of electricity and for any jurisdictional transportation or sale of natural gas, respectively. Similarly, section 6 of the Interstate Commerce Act (ICA)<sup>4</sup> requires that the rate schedules for oil pipelines be published, filed, and posted in the form and manner prescribed by the Commission. Parts 35, 154, and 341 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations implement these sections of the FPA, NGA, and ICA, respectively.<sup>5</sup>

Pursuant to current Commission regulations under Parts 154 and 341, gas and oil pipelines are required to include proposed pagination on all tariff sheets filed with the Commission; the proposed pagination must be unique to the pertinent tariff sheets, i.e., the proposed pagination is newly created and has never been used previously. Additionally, both Parts 154 and 341

<sup>1</sup> For purposes here, "designation" refers to both the practice of assigning rate schedule numbers and sheet designations for purposes of identification and document tracking.

<sup>2</sup> 16 USC 824d.

<sup>3</sup> 15 USC 717(c).

<sup>4</sup> 49 USC app. 1.

<sup>5</sup> 18 CFR Part 35; 18 CFR Part 154; 18 CFR Part 341.