

prepare and submit applications and reports to the FAA. This program provides additional funding for airport development which is needed now and in the future. The current estimated annual reporting burden is 26,292 hours.

3. *2120-0614*: Revised Standards for Cargo or Baggage Compartments in Transport category Airplanes. The information collection from part 121 carriers is necessary to ensure the operator's compliance to the upgrade of the fire safety standards for cargo or baggage compartments in certain transport category airplanes by eliminating Class D compartments. The current estimated annual reporting burden is 720 hours.

4. *2120-0616*: revisions to Digital Flight Data Recorders. This rule requires that certain airplanes be equipped to accommodate additional digital flight data recorder parameters. The revisions require additional information to be collected to enable more thorough accident or incident investigations and to enable the industry to predict certain trends and make necessary modifications before an accident or incident happens. This is a passive information collection activity, and the assigned hourly burden is 1 hour.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 18, 2003.

**Judith D. Street,**

*FAA Information Collection Clearance Officer, APF-100.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### **RTCA Special Committee 172: Future Air-Ground Communications in the Very High Frequency (VHF) Aeronautical Data Band (118-137 MHz)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of RTCA Special Committee 172 meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 172: Future Air-Ground Communications in the VHF Aeronautical Data Band (118-137 MHz).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held April 8-10, 2003 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at RTCA, Inc., 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC, 20036.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** RTCA Secretariat, 1828 L Street, SW.,

Washington, DC 20036; telephone (202) 833-9339; fax (202) 833-9434; Web site <http://www.rtca.org>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a Special Committee 172 meeting. The agenda will include:

- April 8:
- Opening Plenary Session (Welcome and Introductory Remarks, Review of Agenda, Review Summary of Previous Meeting)
- Convene Working Group—2 (WG), continue development of DO-224B, Minimum Aviation System Performance Standards (MASPS) for Advances VHF Digital Data Communications Including Compatibility with Digital Voice Techniques
- April 9:
- Continue WG-2 development of DO-224B
- Discuss plan for subsequent action in its development
- April 10:
- Reconvene Plenary
- Review relevant activities
- International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) AMCP work
- NEXCOM activities
- EUROCAE WG-47 status and issues
- Others as appropriate
- Closing Plenary Session (Other Business, Date and Place of Next Meeting, Adjourn)

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairmen, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing 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.

Dated: Issued in Washington, DC, on March 19, 2003.

**Janice L. Peters,**

*FAA Special Assistant, RTCA Advisory Committee.*

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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 February 2003, there were seven

applications approved. This notice also includes information on two applications, one approved in December, 2002, and the other approved in January 2003, inadvertently left off the December 2002 and January 2003 notices, respectively. Additionally, 11 approved amendments to previously approved applications are listed.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA publishes a monthly notice, as appropriate, of PFC approvals and disapprovals 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). This notice is published pursuant to paragraph (d) of § 158.29.

#### **PFC Applications Approved**

*Public Agency:* Palm Beach County, Department of Airports, West Palm Beach, Florida.

*Application Number:* 02-07-C-00-PBI.

*Application Type:* Impose and use a PFC.

*PFC Level:* \$3.00.

*Total PFC Revenue Approved in this Decision:* \$22,400,000.

*Earliest Charge Effective Date:* April 1, 2004.

*Estimated Charge Expiration Date:* January 1, 2007.

*Class of Air Carriers Not Required to Collect PFC'S:* Air taxi/commercial operators filing FAA Form 1800-31.

*Determination:* Approved. Based on information contained in the public agency's application, the FAA has determined that the approved class accounts for less than 1 percent of the total annual enplanements at Palm Beach International Airport.

*Brief Description of Projects Approved for Collection and Use:*

Construct security facilities.  
Demolition of Delta building.

*Brief Description of Projects Approved for Collection:*

Apron A expansion.  
Replace concourse B passenger loading bridges.  
Replace concourse C passenger loading bridges.

*Brief Description of Projects Approved for Use:*

Terminal signage.  
Rehabilitate cabin air system.  
Acquire noise land within 65-69 DNL.  
Expand terminal concourse C

*Decision Date:* December 13, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Matthew J. Thys, Orlando Airports District Office, (407) 812-6331.

*Public Agency:* Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority, Nashville, Tennessee.

*Application Number:* 03-10-C-00-BNA.

*Application Type:* Impose and use a PFC.

*PFC Level:* \$3.00.

*Total PFC Revenue Approved in this Decision:* \$8,855,000.

*Earliest Charge Effective Date:* October 1, 2004.

*Estimated Charge Expiration Date:* April 1, 2007.

*Class of Air Carriers Not Required to Collect PFC'S:* Part 135 (air taxi) operators.

*Determination:* Approved. Based on information contained in the public agency's application, the FAA has determined that the approved class accounts for less than 1 percent of the total annual enplanements at Nashville International Airport.

*Brief Description of Projects Approved for Collection and Use:*

Land acquisition.

Land acquisition.

Public address system.

Airfield pavement rehabilitation.

Widen three taxiway fillets.

Airport vehicle driving simulator.

1500 gallon aircraft rescue and firefighting (ARFF) vehicle.

*Brief Description of Project Partially Approved for Collection and Use:*

Security enhancements.

*Determination:* Consistent with standard practice, the FAA consulted with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) about justification for the individual elements of this project. The TSA found no justification for one element in this project and that element was not approved.

*Decision Date:* January 14, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Cynthia K. Wills, Memphis Airports District Office, (901) 544-3495.

*Public Agency:* City of Brownsville, Texas.

*Application Number:* 03-02-C-00-BRO.

*Application Type:* Impose and use a PFC.

*PFC Level:* \$4.50.

*Total PFC Revenue Approved in this Decision:* \$1,421,192.

*Earliest Charge Effective Date:* May 1, 2003.

*Estimated Charge Expiration Date:* June 1, 2008.

*Class of Air Carriers Not Required To Collect PFC'S:* None.

*Brief Description of Projects Approved for Collection and Use:*

Acquire two commercial passenger bridges and a walkway.

Replace ARFF station and acquire two ARFF vehicles.

Upgrade security equipment.

Conduct planning study.

Reconstruct taxiway H.

Reconstruct terminal apron.

Rehabilitate taxiway edge lighting.

Expand cargo apron.

Seal coat taxiways.

Improve airfield drainage.

Acquire land.

PFC application and administrative fees.

*Decision Date:* February 7, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** G.

Thomas Wade, Southwest Region

Airports Division, (817) 222-5613.

*Public Agency:* City of Durango and

Board of County Commissioners,

LaPlata County, Durango, Colorado.

*Application Number:* 02-04-U-00-DRO.

*Application Type:* Use PFC revenue.

*PFC Level:* \$3.00

*Total PFC Revenue To Be Used in This Decision:* \$533,333.

*Charge Effective Date:* August 1, 2000.

*Estimated Charge Expiration Date:* March 1, 2003.

*Class of Air Carriers Not Required To Collect PFC'S:* No change from previous approval.

*Brief Description of Projects Approved for Use:*

Rehabilitate runway 2/20.

Install distance-remaining signs.

*Decision Date:* February 10, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Christopher Schaffer, Denver Airports District Office, (303) 342-1258

*Public Agency:* Capital Region Airport Commission, Richmond, Virginia.

*Application Number:* 03-05-C-00-RIC.

*Application Type:* Impose and use a PFC.

*PFC Level:* \$3.00.

*Total PFC Revenue Approved in this Decision:* \$6,032,887.

*Earliest Charge Effective Date:* September 1, 2016.

*Estimated Charge Expiration Date:* May 1, 2025.

*Class of Air Carriers Not Required To Collect PFC'S:* Part 135 on-demand air taxi/commercial operators.

*Determination:* Approved. Based on information contained in the public agency's application, the FAA has determined that the approved class accounts for less than 1 percent of the total annual enplanements at Richmond International Airport.

*Brief Description of Projects Approved for Collection and Use:*

Extend taxiway A.

Terminal Drive flyover and access roads.

Renovate existing concourses A, B, and C.

*Brief Description of Project Approved for Use:* Terminal building addition and modification.

*Decision Date:* February 10, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Arthur Winder, Washington Airports District Office, (703) 661-1363.

*Public Agency:* City of Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

*Application Number:* 03-01-C-00-TVF.

*Application Type:* Impose and use a PFC.

*PFC Level:* \$4.50.

*Total PFC Revenue Approved in this Decision:* \$636,828.

*Earliest Charge Effective Date:* June 1, 2003.

*Estimated Charge Expiration Date:* June 1, 2023.

*Class of Air Carriers Not Required To Collect PFC'S:* Non-scheduled/on-demand carriers.

*Determination:* Approved. Based on information contained in the public agency's application, the FAA has determined that the approved class accounts for less than 1 percent of the total annual enplanements at Thief River Falls Regional Airport.

*Brief Description of Projects Approved for Collection and Use:*

Rehabilitate runway 13/31.

Install airport signs and miscellaneous taxiway lights.

Overlay parallel taxiway, general aviation taxiway, and the air transport apron.

Acquire ARFF vehicle.

Reconstruct commercial aircraft parking apron.

Construct crosswind runway.

Construct parallel and connecting taxiways.

PFC application.

Rehabilitate apron.

Install deer fence.

Rehabilitate non-revenue automobile parking lot (including airport entrance road).

*Decision Date:* February 19, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Gordon Nelson, Minneapolis Airports District Office, (612) 713-4358.

*Public Agency:* County of Humboldt, Arcata, California.

*Application Number:* 03-05-C-00-ACV.

*Application Type:* Impose and use a PFC.

*PFC Level:* \$4.50.

*Total PFC Revenue Approved in this Decision:* \$93,000.

*Earliest Charge Effective Date:* June 1, 2003.

*Estimated Charge Expiration Date:* July 1, 2003.

*Class of Air Carriers Not Required To Collect PFC's:* None.

*Brief Description of Project Approved for Collection and Use:* Install security/perimeter fence.

*Decision Date:* February 21, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Marlys Vandervelde, San Francisco Airports District Office, (650) 876-2806.

*Public Agency:* Jacksonville Airport Authority, Jacksonville, Florida.

*Application Number:* 03-08-C-00-JAX.

*Application Type:* Impose and use a PFC.

*PFC Level:* \$4.50.

*Total PFC Revenue Approved in This Decision:* \$68,357,263.

*Earliest Charge Effective Date:* May 1, 2003.

*Estimated Charge Expiration Date:* November 1, 2008.

*Class of Air Carriers Not Required To Collect PFC'S:* Air taxi operators.

*Determination:* Approved. Based on information contained in the public agency's application, the FAA has determined that the approved class accounts for less than 1 percent of the total annual enplanements at Jacksonville International Airport.

*Brief Description of Project Approved for Collection and Use at a \$3.00 PFC Level:* Renovation and expansion of landside terminal area, stage 1.

*Brief Description of Project Approved for Collection and Use at a \$4.50 PFC Level:*

Checked baggage explosive detection system (terminal modifications and

conveyor system to support explosive detection equipment).

Access control and communication center upgrade.

Centralized security checkpoint west courtyard.

*Decision Date:* February 26, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Richard Owen, Orlando Airports District Office, (407) 812-6331, extension 19.

*Public Agency:* City of Chicago, Department of Aviation, Chicago, Illinois.

*Application Number:* 03-15-C-00-ORD.

*Application Type:* Impose and use a PFC.

*PFC Level:* \$4.50.

*Total PFC Revenue Approved in This Decision:* \$233,267,300.

*Earliest Charge Effective Date:* April 1, 2017.

*Estimated Charge Expiration Date:* December 1, 2018.

*Class of Air Carriers Not Required To Collect PFC'S:* Air taxi.

*Determination:* Approved. Based on information contained in the public agency's application, the FAA has determined that the approved class accounts for less than 1 percent of the total annual enplanements at Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD).

*Brief Description of Projects Partially Approved for Collection at ORD and Use at ORD at a \$4.50 PFC Level:* Runway formulation.

*Determination:* Partially approved. After submission of the PFC application,

the public agency elected to fund a portion of the project with Airport Improvement Program (AIP) entitlement funds. Therefore, the approved PFC amount is less than what was requested.

School Soundproofing, 2002-2003

*Determination:* Partially approved. After submission of the PFC application, the public agency deleted two proposed schools from the project. Therefore, the approved PFC amount is less than what was requested.

*Brief Description of Project Partially Approved for Collection at ORD and Use at ORD at a \$3.00 PFC Level:* Equipment acquisition, 2001-2003.

*Determination:* Partially approved. The FAA approved 7 of the requested 22 pieces of equipment. The pieces not approved were determined not to be AIP or PFC eligible.

*Brief Description of Projects Approved for Collection at ORD and Use at Chicago/Gary Airport at a \$3.00 PFC Level:*

Acquire snow removal equipment (snow broom).

Expand snow removal equipment building.

Rehabilitate runway 12/30.

Terminal apron expansion and loading bridge installation.

*Decision Date:* February 28, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Thomas E. Salaman, Chicago Airports District Office, (847) 294-7436.

AMENDMENTS TO PFC APPROVALS

Amendment Number city, state	Amendment approved date	Original ap- proved net PFC revenue	Amended approved net PFC revenue	Original es- timated charge exp. date	Amended estimated charge exp. date
94-01-C-04-TUP, Tupelo, MS*	01/15/03	\$457,216	\$457,216	06/01/03	01/01/04
92-01-C-01-1YK, Inyokern, CA	02/07/03	127,500	128,874	09/01/95	09/01/95
95-02-C-01-1YK, Inyokern, CA	02/07/03	248,500	166,978	12/01/97	12/01/97
92-01-C-07-SJC, San Jose, CA	02/07/03	70,558,668	70,625,368	08/01/95	08/01/95
92-02-U-01-SJC, San Jose, CA	02/07/03	NA	NA	08/01/95	08/01/95
98-03-C-01-ILM, Wilmington, NC*	02/11/03	8,179,319	8,179,319	05/01/14	05/01/07
99-02-C-01-OKC, Oklahoma City, OK	02/13/03	7,465,206	6,747,457	04/01/01	04/01/01
98-03-C-02-ILM, Wilmington, NC	02/19/03	8,179,319	7,984,994	05/01/07	04/01/07
02-05-C-01-GPT, Gulfport, MS	02/20/03	3,765,993	1,031,474	06/01/05	05/01/03
01-10-C-01-OAK, Oakland, CA*	02/26/03	32,000,000	32,000,000	10/01/03	09/01/03
01-11-C-01-SJC, San Jose, CA	02/28/03	123,736,491	118,161,491	02/01/08	07/01/06

NOTE: The amendments denoted by an asterisk (\*) include a change to the PFC level charged from \$3.00 per enplaned passenger to \$4.50 per enplaned passenger. For Tupelo, MS, this change is effective on April 1, 2003. For Oakland, CA and Wilmington, NC, this change is effective on May 1, 2003.

Dated: Issued in Washington, DC, on March 20, 2003.

**Barry Molar,**

*Manager, Airports Financial Assistance Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Ex Parte No. 589]

#### Calculation of Variable Costs in Rate Complaint Proceedings Involving Non-Class I Railroads

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board, Transportation.

**ACTION:** Policy Statement.

**SUMMARY:** The Surface Transportation Board concludes that it will determine the variable costs of non-Class I railroads in rail rate reasonableness cases using Class I railroad regional average costs and making appropriate adjustments to those average costs on a case-by-case basis.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This policy is effective April 27, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rachel D. Campbell (202) 565-1568. [Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.]

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. Copies of the Board's decision may be purchased from Dã-2-Dã Legal Copy Service by calling (202) 293-7776 (assistance for the hearing impaired is available through FIRS at 1-800-877-8339) or visiting Suite 405, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

Decided: March 21, 2003.

By the Board, Chairman Nober and Commissioner Morgan.

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34305]

#### The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company—Construction and Operation Exemption—Merced County, CA

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of exemption.

**SUMMARY:** Under 49 U.S.C. 10502, the Board conditionally exempts from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10901 the construction and operation by The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company of an 850-foot line of railroad in Merced County, CA.

**DATES:** The exemption will not become effective until the environmental review process is completed. Once that process is completed, the Board will issue a further decision addressing the environmental matters and establishing an exemption effective date at that time, if appropriate. Petitions to reopen must be filed by April 17, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34305, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of all pleadings must be served on petitioner's representative Erika Z. Jones, Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw, 1909 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beryl Gordon, (202) 565-1600. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.]

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. Copies of the decision may be purchased from Dã 2 Dã Legal Copy Service by calling (202) 293-7776 (assistance for the hearing impaired is available through FIRS at 1-800-877-8339) or by visiting Suite 405, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006.

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Decided: March 21, 2003.

By the Board, Chairman Nober and Commissioner Morgan.

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34210]

#### Sunflower Rail Company, LLC—Construction and Operation Exemption—Finney County, KS

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of exemption.

**SUMMARY:** Under 49 U.S.C. 10502, the Board conditionally exempts from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10901 the construction by Sunflower Rail Company, LLC (SRC)<sup>1</sup> of approximately 4.7 miles of railroad line in the vicinity of Garden City in Finney County, KS.<sup>2</sup>

**DATES:** The exemption will not become effective until the environmental review process is completed. Once that process is completed, the Board will issue a further decision addressing the environmental matters and establishing an exemption effective date at that time, if appropriate. Petitions to reopen must be filed by April 17, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34210, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of all pleadings must be served on petitioner's representative David A. Hirsh, Harkins Cunningham, 801 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beryl Gordon, (202) 565-1600 [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339].

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. Copies of the decision may be purchased from Dã to Dã Legal Copy Service by calling (202) 293-7776 (assistance for the hearing impaired is available through FIRS at 1-800-877-8339) or by visiting Suite 405, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006.

<sup>1</sup> SRC is a subsidiary of Sunflower Electric Power Corporation.

<sup>2</sup> The proposed construction involves a crossing of a line of The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF). SRC states that while it is hopeful it can reach an agreement with BNSF permitting it to cross BNSF's line, SRC has concurrently filed a related petition in STB Finance Docket No. 34210 (Sub-No. 1), *Sunflower Rail Company, LLC—Petition for Crossing Authority Under 49 U.S.C. 10901(d)*, seeking authority to cross the BNSF track.