DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71


Establishment of Class E Airspace; Marion, AL

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action establishes Class E airspace at Marion, AL, to accommodate the new Area Navigation (RNAV) Global Positioning System (GPS) Standard Instrument Approach Procedures serving Vaiden Field. This action enhances the safety and airspace management of Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations within the National Airspace System.

DATES: Effective 0901 UTC, May 31, 2012. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action by reference action under title 1, Code of Federal Regulations, part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.9 and publication of conforming amendments.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

History

On January 6, 2012, the FAA published in the Federal Register a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to establish Class E airspace at Marion, AL (77 FR 771) Docket No. FAA–2011–0590. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received. Class E airspace designations are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9V dated August 9, 2011, and effective September 15, 2011, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

The Rule

This amendment to Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 establishes Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Marion, AL, to provide the controlled airspace required to accommodate the new RNAV GPS Standard Instrument Approach Procedures developed for Vaiden Field. This action is necessary for the safety and management of IFR operations at the airport.

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current, is non-controversial and unlikely to result in adverse or negative comments. It, therefore, (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 FAA’s authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, section 106 describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency’s authority.

This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in subtitle VII, part A, subpart I, section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it establishes controlled airspace at Vaiden Field, Marion, AL.

Lists of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

Adoption of the Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR Part 71 as follows:

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

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


§ 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9V, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 9, 2011, effective September 15, 2011, is amended as follows:

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

ASO AL E5 Marion, AL [New]

Vaiden Field, AL.

(Lat. 32°30′38″ N., long. 87°23′05″ W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 7-mile radius of Vaiden Field.

Issued in College Park, Georgia, on March 14, 2012.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 93

[Docket No. FAA–2011–1024]

High Density Traffic Airports; Notice of Determination Regarding Low Demand Periods at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport

AGENCY: Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

ACTION: Notice of agency determination.

SUMMARY: This action announces an FAA determination that 10 p.m. to 10:59 p.m. no longer is a low demand period at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA). As a result of this
determination, the FAA will allocate available slots in that period on a temporary basis subject to recall, and the FAA may conduct a lottery in the future to allocate available slots in that period.


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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The FAA issued the High Density Traffic Airports Rule (HDR), 14 CFR part 93 subpart K, in 1968 to reduce delays at five congested airports: John F. Kennedy International Airport, LaGuardia Airport, O’Hare International Airport, Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA), and Newark Liberty International Airport.1 Currently, the HDR applies only to DCA. The regulation limits the number of operations during certain hours of the day and requires a slot, which the FAA allocates for a specific 60-minute period, for each scheduled operation.

In 1985, the FAA issued part 93 subpart S (the “Buy/Sell Rule”).2 As part of the Buy/Sell Rule, § 93.226 permits the administrative allocation of slots during low demand periods, which are 6 a.m. to 6:59 a.m. (the 0600 hour) and 10 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. (the 2200 and 2300 hours), on a first come, first served basis. Section 93.226(d) permits the FAA to determine those periods are no longer low demand periods and allocate any available slots by lottery under § 93.225. The FAA may make this determination when it becomes apparent that demand for slots is increasing to the point where a first come, first served allocation procedure is inappropriate. The FAA previously determined the 0600 hour is not a low demand period.3

FAA Determination

Currently, the FAA has allocated all but three commuter and all but three air carrier slots in the 2200 hour. Because of the relatively small number of available slots in the 2200 hour, the FAA now determines that hour no longer is a low demand period. Additional permanent allocation of slots in that time period would undermine the new entrant and limited incumbent allocation priority under § 93.225. The FAA no longer will allocate slots during that time period on a permanent first come, first served basis.

The FAA further determines the present demand for available slots does not justify conducting a lottery at this time. Accordingly, the FAA will allocate slots in the 2200 hour on a temporary basis subject to recall by the FAA under § 93.226(e). However, if the FAA cannot accommodate future requests for slots, especially requests by new entrants or limited incumbents, through temporary allocations, the FAA may recall any temporarily allocated slots and conduct a lottery at that time.

Slots currently allocated are unaffected by this determination, and the HDR continues to apply to all allocated slots.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 27, 2012.

Rebecca B. MacPherson, Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

17 CFR Part 232

[Release Nos. 33–9303; 34–66654; 39–2483; IC–30008]

Adoption of Updated EDGAR Filer Manual

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) is adopting revisions to the Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval System (EDGAR) Filer Manual to reflect updates to the EDGAR system. The revisions are being made primarily to support the upgrade to the 2012 US GAAP and 2012 Mutual Fund Risk/Return Summary Taxonomies; to support period field validation updates for the submission of Form N–PX; to remove the OMB expiration date from Form D, 3, 4, and 5; and to include additional filer support fax numbers on various EDGAR Filer Management Web site screens. The EDGAR system is scheduled to be upgraded to support this functionality on March 26, 2012.

The filer manual is also being revised to support the retirement of the DOS–based Form N–SAR application and the introduction of the new online Form N–SAR application. The EDGAR system is scheduled to be upgraded to support this functionality on July 9, 2012.

DATES: Effective Date: March 30, 2012. The incorporation by reference of the EDGAR Filer Manual is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of March 30, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: In the Division of Corporation Finance, for questions Forms D, 3, 4, and 5 contact Heather Mackintosh, Office of Information Technology, at (202) 551–3606; in the Division of Investment Management for questions regarding Form N–PX contact Ruth Armfield Sanders, Senior Special Counsel, Office of Legal and Disclosure, at (202) 551–6989, and for questions concerning the modernized on-line Form N–SAR application, contact Heather Fernandez or Gregg Jaffray, Office of Financial Analysis, at (202) 551–6703; in the Division of Risk, Strategy, and Financial Innovation for questions concerning XBRL Taxonomies update contact Walter Hamscher, at (202) 551–5397; in the Division of Trading and Markets for questions regarding new filer support fax numbers contact Catherine Moore, Special Counsel, Office of Clearance and Settlement, at (202) 551–5718; and in the Office of Information Technology, contact Rick Heroux, at (202) 551–8800.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are adopting an updated EDGAR Filer Manual, Volume I and Volume II. The Filer Manual describes the technical formatting requirements for the preparation and submission of electronic filings through the EDGAR system.1 It also describes the requirements for filing using EDGARLink Online and the Online Forms/XML Web site.


The Filer Manual contains all the technical specifications for filers to submit filings using the EDGAR system. Filers must comply with the applicable provisions of the Filer Manual in order to assure the timely acceptance and processing of filings made in electronic format.