

(AIRAC), issue 53 published on December 31, 2020 identified J-591 as being revoked effective February 25, 2021. A seven mile portion of that route navigates into the NAS, terminating at Whatcom VHF omnidirectional range beacon and tactical air navigation system (VORTAC) in Bellingham, WA. Since the rest of the route in Canada has been revoked, there is no need to retain the small portion from the Canadian border to the Whatcom VORTAC.

The Proposal

The FAA is proposing an amendment to 14 CFR part 71 to revoke jet route J-591, due to NAVCANADA's actions revoking the route in Canada. The proposed change is outlined below.

J-591: J-591 is currently published in FAA Order 7400.11E to navigate between Whatcom, WA; to Kelowna, BC, Canada. The FAA proposes to revoke the route in its entirety.

Jet routes are published in paragraph 2004, of FAA Order 7400.11E, dated July 21, 2020, and effective September 15, 2020, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The ATS route listed in this document would be subsequently removed from the Order.

FAA Order 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, is published yearly and effective on September 15.

Regulatory Notices and Analyses

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. It, therefore: (1) Is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not "significant" as defined in Department of Transportation (DOT) Regulatory Policies and Procedures; 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 proposed 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.

Environmental Review

This proposal will be subject to an environmental analysis in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures" prior to any FAA final regulatory action.

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, 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:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 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 FAA Order 7400.11E, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated July 21, 2020, and effective September 15, 2020, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 2004 Jet Routes.

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J-591 [Remove]

From Whatcom, WA; to Kelowna, BC, Canada. The segment within Canada is excluded.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2021-0414; Airspace Docket No. 21-AAL-25]

RIN 2120-AA66

Proposed Revocation of Colored Federal Airway Red-4 (R-4) in Central Alaska

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This action proposes to revoke Colored Federal airway R-4 in central Alaska due to the scheduled decommissioning of the Bear Creek (BCC) Non-Directional Beacon (NDB) on December 2, 2021.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 19, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on this proposal to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590; telephone: (800) 647-5527, or (202) 366-9826. You must identify FAA Docket No. FAA-2021-0414; Airspace Docket No. 21-AAL-25 at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit comments through the internet at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

FAA Order 7400.11E, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/. For further information, you can contact the Rules and Regulations Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267-8783. The Order is also available for inspection at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of FAA Order 7400.11E at NARA, email: fedreg.legal@nara.gov or go to <https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher McMullin, Rules and Regulations Group, Office of Policy, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267-8783.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority for This Rulemaking

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code (U.S.C.). 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 the 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 would modify the route structure as necessary to preserve the safe and efficient flow of air traffic within the National Airspace System (NAS).

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 both docket numbers (FAA Docket No. FAA-2021-0414; Airspace Docket No. 21-AAL-25) and be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Management Facility (see “**ADDRESSES**” section for address and phone number). You may also submit comments through the internet at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments on this action must submit with those comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: “Comments to FAA Docket No. FAA-2021-0414; Airspace Docket No. 21-AAL-25.” The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter.

All communications received on or before the specified comment closing date will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposal contained in this action may be changed in light of comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination in the public docket both before and after the comment closing date. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

Availability of NPRM

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded through the internet at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Recently published rulemaking documents can also be accessed through the FAA’s web page at https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/airspace_amendments/.

You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office (see “**ADDRESSES**” section for address and phone number) between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the office of the Operations Support Group, Western Service Center, Federal Aviation Administration, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198.

Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference

This document proposes to amend FAA Order 7400.11E, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated July 21, 2020, and effective September 15, 2020. FAA Order 7400.11E is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. FAA Order 7400.11E lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

Background

The FAA completed a study in February 2021 on a request to decommission the BCC NDB in Tanana, AK. The FAA determined that the BCC NDB decommissioning was warranted due to the increased cost and difficulty in maintaining the equipment. The high costs stem from no longer being supported by FAA logistics or the manufacturer. Fabrication of parts for the equipment is time consuming and is not cost effective.

The effects of decommissioning the BCC NDB would be minimal on general aviation, since it does not support any instrument approaches. BCC NDB does, however, support Federal Colored Airway R-4, which navigates between Bear Creek and the Chena, AK NDB. Federal Colored Airway R-4’s route closely parallels VOR Federal Airways V-488 and V-531, and United States Area Navigation routes T-225 and T-229, which should provide pilots an acceptable alternative.

The Proposal

The FAA is proposing an amendment to 14 CFR part 71 to revoke Colored Federal airway R-4, due to the decommissioning of BCC NDB. The proposed change is outlined below.

R-4: R-4 currently navigates between the Chena, AK, NDB and the Bear Creek, AK, NDB. The FAA proposes to revoke the route in its entirety.

Colored Federal airways are published in paragraph 6009(b), of FAA Order 7400.11E, dated July 21, 2020, and effective September 15, 2020, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Colored Federal airway route listed in this document would be subsequently removed from the Order.

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- 2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of FAA Order 7400.11E, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated July 21, 2020, and effective September 15, 2020, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6009(b) Colored Federal Airways.

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R-4 [Remove]

From Chena, AK, NDB; to Bear Creek, AK, NDB.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

16 CFR Part 305

[3084-AB15]

Energy Labeling Rule

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.
ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Federal Trade Commission (“FTC” or “Commission”) proposes updates to comparability ranges and sample labels for central air conditioners in the Energy Labeling Rule (“Rule”).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 2, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may file a comment online or on paper, by following the instructions in the Comment Submissions part of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below. Write “CAC Range Updates (16 CFR part 305) (Matter No. R611004)” on your comment, and file it online at <https://www.regulations.gov>, by following the instructions on the web-based form. If you prefer to file your comment on paper, mail it to: Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Secretary, Suite CC-5610 (Annex J), 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580; or deliver your comment to: Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Secretary, Constitution Center, 400 7th Street SW, 5th Floor, Suite 5610 (Annex J), Washington, DC 20024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Hampton Newsome (202-326-2889), Attorney, Division of Enforcement, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Energy Labeling Rule

The Commission issued the Energy Labeling Rule (“Rule”) in 1979,¹ pursuant to the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975 (“EPCA”).² The Rule requires energy labeling for

major home appliances and other consumer products to help consumers compare the energy usage and costs of competing models. It also contains labeling requirements for refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, freezers, dishwashers, water heaters, clothes washers, room and portable air conditioners, furnaces, central air conditioners, heat pumps, plumbing products, lighting products, ceiling fans, and televisions.

The Rule requires manufacturers to attach yellow EnergyGuide labels to many of the covered products and prohibits retailers from removing these labels or rendering them illegible. In addition, it directs sellers, including retailers, to post label information on websites and in paper catalogs from which consumers can order products. EnergyGuide labels for most covered products contain three main disclosures: Estimated annual energy cost, a product’s energy consumption or energy efficiency rating as determined by Department of Energy (“DOE”) test procedures, and a comparability range displaying the highest and lowest energy costs or efficiency ratings for all similar models. Under the Rule, the Commission periodically updates comparability range and annual energy cost information based on manufacturer data submitted pursuant to the Rule’s reporting requirements.³

II. Proposed Updated Ranges for Central Air Conditioners

The Commission proposes to update the comparability ranges for central air conditioners to ensure manufacturers have information available for the upcoming transition to new efficiency descriptors required by DOE. On February 12, 2021 (86 FR 9274), the Commission published conforming Rule amendments reflecting new DOE efficiency descriptors on central air conditioner labels to ensure the Rule’s consistency with DOE requirements, which became effective on January 1, 2023.⁴ In the February Rule, the Commission stated it would update ranges in appendices H and I, and the sample labels in appendix L, once new efficiency numbers became available. The Commission now proposes to amend the range tables (appendices H and I) and sample labels in the Rule (appendix L) using new information from the Air-Conditioning, Heating, &

Refrigeration Institute (AHRI) and DOE staff input.⁵ As the Commission stated in its February 2021 Rule (86 FR at 9279), manufacturers may begin using the new range information prior to January 1, 2023, in a manner consistent with DOE guidance once the FTC issues the final updates to appendices H and I.

III. Paperwork Reduction Act

The current Rule contains recordkeeping, disclosure, testing, and reporting requirements that constitute information collection requirements as defined by 5 CFR 1320.3(c), the definitional provision within the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations that implement the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). OMB has approved the Rule’s existing information collection requirements through December 31, 2022 (OMB Control No. 3084-0069). The proposed amendments do not change the substance or frequency of the recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting requirements and, therefore, do not require further OMB clearance.

IV. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (“RFA”), 5 U.S.C. 601–612, requires that the Commission conduct an analysis of the anticipated economic impact of the proposed amendment on small entities. The RFA requires that the Commission provide an Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (“IRFA”) with a proposed rule unless the Commission certifies that the rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. 5 U.S.C. 605. As explained elsewhere in this document, the proposed amendments merely update the Rule’s appendices to include revised comparability ranges and sample labels for central air conditioners based on more recent data. The proposed amendments do not significantly change the substance or frequency of the recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting requirements. Thus, the amendments will not have a “significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.” 5 U.S.C. 605. The Commission has concluded, therefore, that a regulatory flexibility analysis is not necessary, and certifies, under Section 605 of the RFA (5 U.S.C. 605(b)), that the proposed amendments will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

¹ 44 FR 66466 (Nov. 19, 1979).

² 42 U.S.C. 6294. EPCA also requires the Department of Energy (“DOE”) to develop test procedures that measure how much energy appliances use, and to determine the representative average cost a consumer pays for different types of energy.

³ 16 CFR 305.10.

⁴ In 2017, DOE announced changes to the rating methods and associated efficiency descriptors for central air conditioners (e.g., from “Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (SEER)” to “Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio 2 (SEER2)”). 82 FR 1786 (Jan. 6, 2017); and 82 FR 24211 (May 26, 2017).

⁵ AHRI is a trade association representing central air conditioner manufacturers.