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DATES: The public meeting will be held on October 17, 1995, starting at 9 a.m. Pursuant to the September 8, 1995 Supplemental Notice, written comments are also invited and must be received on or before October 23, 1995.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the Department of Transportation, Nassif Bldg., Room 2230, 400 7th St. SW., Washington, DC 20590. Persons unable to attend the meeting may mail their comments in quadruplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Chief Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket (AGC-200), Dockets No. 27782, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests to participate in public meeting should be directed to Kevin Hehir at (202) 267-8224, Federal Aviation Administration, Airport Safety and Compliance, 800 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20591.

Questions concerning the subject matter of the meeting may be directed to Barry Molar, Federal Aviation Administration, Airports Law Branch, AGC–610, 800 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267–3473.

The full text of the Supplemental Notice is also available on the Office of Airport Safety and Standards Electronic Bulletin Board. Persons with a computer and modem, and communications software, can access the bulletin board by setting the modem parameters to match those of the bulletin board before dialing. Upon connection with the bulletin board for the first time, users are required to register by answering a short questionnaire. The bulletin board is menu-driven, and detailed instructions for downloading files are provided. The Supplemental Notice cannot be read on-line, but can be easily downloaded and saved.

The bulletin board parameters are as follows:

- *Telephone number:* (202) 267–5205, or 1–800–224–6287 via FAA Corporate
 - **Bulletin Board**
- Data bits: 8
- Parity: None
- Stop bits: 1

Baud rate: 300/1200/2400/9600/14400

System operator: Jeff Rapol, AAS-200; (202) 267-7474

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Participation at the Meeting

Request from persons who wish to participate at the public meeting should be received by the FAA no later than October 10, 1995. Such requests should be submitted to Kevin Hehir as listed in the section title **FOR FURTHER** **INFORMATION CONCTACT** and should include a statement of the interest represented by the speaker, e.g., as a representative of an airport proprietor, an air carrier, a foreign air carrier, or other aeronautical user. Requests received after the date specified above will be scheduled if they can be accommodated, but in view of the format for presentation, as discussed below, accommodation of late requests cannot be assured. The FAA will prepare an agenda of speakers that will be available at the time of the meeting.

Background

On September 8, 1995, the DOT and FAA jointly published in the Federal Register a supplemental notice of proposed policy regarding fair and reasonable nondiscriminatory airport rates and charges (40 FR 47012). Specifically, the supplemental notice of proposed policy sets forth proposed revisions to the interim final policy on airport rates and charges published jointly by the DOT and FAA on February 3, 1995 (60 FR 6906). In the February 3 publication, DOT/FAA requested comments on the interim policy, and the supplemental notice reflects DOT/FAA consideration of the comments received. DOT/FAA have published the supplemental notice of proposed policy for comment and are conducting public meetings to assure that any modifications in the interim policy are based on as full an understanding of the industry practices as possible and to provide a full opportunity for industry input into the policy. The meeting will be structured to permit informal discussion among the various interested parties rather than simply delivery of prepared comments for the record.

Meeting Procedures

The following procedures are established to facilitate the meeting:

(1) There will be no admission fee or other charge to attend or to participate in the meeting. The meeting will be open to all persons who have requested in advance to participate. Registration will be available on the day of the meeting (between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.). However, in view of the format of the meetings, there is no assurance that persons who register on the day of the meeting will have the opportunity to fully participate.

(2) There will be a morning and afternoon break as well as a break for lunch.

(3) The meeting may adjourn early if scheduled panels of speakers complete their presentations in less time than is scheduled for the meeting. (4) DOT/FAA will try to accommodate all speakers in the context of the format for this public meeting. However, the FAA reserves the right to exclude some speakers if necessary to assure that all panels represent a balance of viewpoints and concerns.

(5) Sign and oral interpretation can be made available at the meeting, as well as an assistive listening device, if requested at the above number by October 15, 1995.

(6) Representatives of the FAA will preside over the meeting. A panel of DOT and FAA personnel will hear comments and question other participants. Presentations by commenters will be made on panels of up to 5 persons, rather than individually. The Department will assign interested persons to panels before the meeting, and will attempt to have each panel representative of different segments of the industry. At a minimum, each panel should include both airline and airport representatives.

(7) Each participant on a panel may make a brief opening statement and submit written materials for the record. After completion of the statements by all members of the panel, agency personnel will question commenters on their statements and views, and may inquire into commenters' experience with specific industry practices. Appropriate questions may be directed by one panel member to another, through the agency moderator. Questions and comments from the floor will be taken if time permits.

(8) Opening statements will be limited to 2 minutes. Each panel will be limited to no more than one hour. The meeting will include as many panels as are necessary to accommodate all interested commenters.

(9) The meeting will be recorded by a court reporter. A transcript of the meeting and any material accepted by the panel during the meeting will be included in the public docket. Any person who is interested in purchasing a copy of the transcript should contact the court reporter directly. This information will be available at the meeting.

(10) The DOT/FAA will review and consider all material presented by participants at the meeting. Position papers or material presenting views or information related to the proposed policy statement may be accepted at the discretion of the presiding officer and subsequently placed in the public docket. The FAA requests that persons participating in the meeting provide 10 copies of all materials to be presented for distribution to the panel members; other copies may be provided to the