

In response to public requests, the comment period was reopened on April 19 and extended until May 10, 1996. A public hearing was also held in Washington, D.C. on May 6, 1996. DOE has decided to solicit further input, especially from state and Federal agencies that have responsibility for environmental review of comparable non-Federal utility projects in the Pacific Northwest, on the following proposed amendments to Subpart D, typical Classes of Action primarily affecting power marketing activities: B4.1, Contracts/marketing plans/policies for excess electric power; B4.2, Export of electric energy; B4.3, Electric power marketing rate changes; B4.6, Additions/modifications to electric power transmission facilities within previously developed area; B4.10, Deactivation, dismantling and removal of electric powerlines and substations; B4.11, Construction or modification of electric power substations; B4.12, Construction of electric powerlines (generally less than 10 miles in length), not integrating major new sources; B4.13, Reconstruction and minor relocation of existing electric powerlines (generally less than 20 miles in length); C4, Upgrading and constructing electric powerlines; C7, Allocation of electric power, no major new generation resource/major changes in operation of generation resources/major new loads; and D7, Allocation of electric power, major new generation resources/major changes in operation of generation resources/major loads. DOE is reopening the comment period on these proposed amendments only. The final rule on all of the proposed amendments other than those that pertain to power marketing activities is being published separately.

In response to a request, DOE is providing further clarification of the rationale for two of the proposed amendments: B4.1, Contracts/marketing plans/policies for excess electric power, and B4.3, Electric power marketing rate changes. For ease of comparison, the current B4.1 and B4.3 as they now appear in the DOE NEPA regulations (57 FR 15122, 1992) are reprinted below, followed by the amended language from the February 1996 proposed rule, and the clarified rationale for the amendment.

Current B4.1

Establishment and implementation of short-term contracts, marketing plans, policies, annual operating plans, allocation plans or acquisition of excess power, the terms of any of which do not exceed five years and would not cause changes in the normal operating limits

of generating projects, and if transmission would occur over existing transmission systems.

Proposed B4.1

Establishment and implementation of contracts, marketing plans, policies, allocation plans or acquisition of excess electric power that does not involve: (1) The integration of a new generation resource, (2) physical changes in the transmission system beyond the previously developed facility area, unless the changes are themselves categorically excluded, or (3) changes in the normal operating limits of generation resources.

Rationale for Amendment

The existing five-year term limit was proposed for elimination from this categorical exclusion because past experience has demonstrated that the mere length of a contract, policy, or plan does not have the potential for environmental impacts. Rather, the development or integration of new generating resources, changes in the operation of existing generation resources, or construction of transmission facilities, are the types of activities that have shown the potential for environmental impacts. By not allowing these changes in generation, operation or transmission, the proposed categorical exclusion would ensure that only those actions which have no potential for environmental impact would be categorically excluded. Those contracts, plans, and policies that do not satisfy the proposed criteria would require further NEPA analysis to ascertain the associated environmental impacts.

Current B4.3

Changes in rates for electric power, power transmission, and other products or services provided by a Power Marketing Administration that are based on a change in revenue requirements that does not exceed the change in the overall price level in the economy (inflation), as measured by the GNP fixed weight price index published by the Department of Commerce, during the period since the last rate adjustment for that product or service or, if the rate change does exceed the change in the GNP fixed weight price index, the rate change would have no potential for affecting the operation of power generation resources.

Proposed B4.3

Changes in rates for electric power, power transmission, and other products or services provided by a Power Marketing Administration that are based

on a change in revenue requirements if the operations of generation projects would remain within the normal operating limits.

Rationale for Amendment

The proposed change would eliminate the existing restriction that, in order to be categorically excluded, a proposed rate change must not exceed the rate of inflation, a condition that DOE has found is not relevant to the action's potential for environmental impacts. Any environmental impacts resulting from rate changes would be caused only if the rate change involved associated changes in generation resources. This categorical exclusion would only apply to those rate changes that would not affect the operation of generation projects. Those rate changes that could affect the operation of generation projects would require further NEPA analysis.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 96-ASW-13]

Proposed Revision of Class E Airspace; Russellville, AR

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This notice proposes to revise the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above ground level (AGL) at Russellville, AR. A new Global Positioning System (GPS) Standard Instrument Approach Procedure (SIAP) to Runway (RWY) 25 at Russellville Municipal Airport has made this proposal necessary. The intended effect of this proposal is to provide adequate controlled airspace for aircraft executing the GPS SIAP to RWY 25 at Russellville Municipal Airport, Russellville, AR.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 6, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to Manager, Operations Branch, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Docket No. 96-ASW-13, Fort Worth, TX 76193-0530. The official docket may be examined in

the Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth, TX, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the Operations Branch, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth, TX.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald J. Day, Operations Branch, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Fort Worth, TX 76193-0530; telephone: (817) 222-5593.

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 under the caption **ADDRESSES**. Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments on this notice must submit, with those comments, a self-addressed, stamped, postcard containing the following statement: "Comments to Airspace Docket No. 96-ASW-13." The postcard will be date and 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 the light of comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination in the Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth, TX, both before and after the closing date for comments. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

Availability of NPRM's

Any person may obtain a copy of this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)

by submitting a request to the Operations Branch, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Fort Worth, TX 76193-0530. Communications must identify the notice number of this NPRM. Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRM's should also request a copy of Advisory Circular No. 11-2A that describes the application procedure.

The Proposal

The FAA is considering an amendment to part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) to revise the Class E airspace, controlled airspace extending upward from 700 feet AGL, at Russellville Municipal Airport, Russellville, AR. A new GPS SIAP to RWY 25 has made this proposal necessary. The intended effect of this proposal is to provide adequate Class E airspace for aircraft executing the GPS SIAP to RWY 25 at Russellville Municipal Airport, Russellville, AR.

The coordinates for this airspace docket are based on North American Datum 83. Designated Class E airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above ground level are published in Paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9C, dated August 17, 1995, and effective September 16, 1995, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designation listed in this document would be published subsequently in the order.

The FAA has determined that this proposed regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations that need frequent and routine amendments to keep them operationally current. It, therefore—(1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedure (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 impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

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—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for 14 CFR part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389; 49 U.S.C. 106(g); 14 CFR 11.69.

§ 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9C, *Airspace Designations and Reporting Points*, dated August 17, 1995, and effective September 16, 1995, is amended as follows:

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

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ASW AR E5 Russellville, AR [Revised]
Russellville, Russellville Municipal Airport,
AR

(lat. 35°15'33"N., long. 93°05'38"W.)

Russellville NDB

(lat. 35°15'26"N., long. 93°05'40"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.4-mile radius of Russellville Municipal Airport, and within 2.4 miles each side of the 184° bearing from the Russellville NDB extending from the 6.4-mile radius to 6.6 miles south of the airport, and within 4 miles each side of the 075° bearing from the airport extending from the 6.4-mile radius to 18 miles northeast of the airport, excluding that airspace which overlies the Morrilton, AR, Class E airspace area.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

16 CFR Part 303

Rules and Regulations Under the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: On October 30, 1992, Teijin Limited ("Teijin") filed an application with the Federal Trade Commission ("Commission") requesting the establishment of a new generic fiber name and definition. The application was filed pursuant to Rule 8 of the Rules and Regulations Under the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act (the "Textile Act"—15 U.S.C. 70; implementing regulations at 16 CFR part 303). The