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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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International Joint Commission Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909

On February 10, 1999, the United States and Canadian federal governments asked the International Joint Commission (IJC) to examine and report on the use, diversion and removal of waters along the common border. The governments noted that "boundary water resources continue to be the subject of ever-increasing demands in the light of expanding populations" and that "proposals to use, divert and remove greater amounts of such waters can be expected."

The request from governments comes in the wake of proposals to export water overseas from Canada and litigation involving the export of water from Canada to the United States. Both governments are concerned that existing management principles and conservation measures may be inadequate to ensure future sustainable use of shared waters.

The request from the governments asks the IJC to examine, report upon and provide recommendations on the following matters which may have effects on levels and flows of water within transboundary basins and shared aquifers:

1. Existing and potential consumptive uses of water;
2. Existing and potential diversions of water in and out of the transboundary basins, including withdrawals of water for export;
3. The cumulative effects of existing and potential diversions and removals of water, including removals in bulk for export;
4. The current laws and policies as may affect the sustainability of the water resources in boundary and transboundary basins.

The governments have asked the IJC to build on its experience, notably its study of Great Lakes diversions and consumptive uses that concluded in 1985, and to submit interim recommendations for the protection of Great Lakes waters within six months. A final report making recommendations on the broader issue of U.S.-Canada shared waters is requested within six

months of the interim recommendations.

As it addresses these matters, the IJC will undertake broad consultations with all interested parties. As a first priority, the International Joint Commission will hold a series of eight public hearings in March at the locations below: Chicago, Cleveland, Rochester, NY, Toronto, Montreal, Windsor, Duluth and Sault Ste. Marie, ON.

Dates will be announced in local media and on the IJC Web Site (www.ijc.org). The Commission also intends to hold workshops in the eastern and western border regions of the continent to obtain advice on the questions posed by governments, particularly as they might apply to the broader issue of Canada-U.S. shared waters outside the Great Lakes basin.

In addition to the public hearings, the IJC invites all interested parties to submit written comment over the course of this investigation to the addresses below:

Secretary, Canadian Section, 100 Metcalfe Street, 18th Floor, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5M1, Fax 613.993.5583, Email Commission@ottawa.ijc.org.
Secretary, United States Section, 1250 23rd Street NW, Suite 100, Washington, DC 20440, Fax 202.736.9015, Email Commission@washington.ijc.org.

The International Joint Commission is a binational Canada-U.S. organization established by the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909. It assists the governments in managing waters along the border for the benefit of both countries in a variety of ways including examining issues referred to it by the two federal governments.

More information, including the full text of the letter of reference, may be found on the Commission's web site, at www.ijc.org.

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Gerald E. Galloway,

Secretary, United States Section.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Potomac Consolidated Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON) Facility

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a Draft Environmental Impact.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has released a Draft Environment Impact Statement (DEIS) for the consolidation and construction of a new Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON) facility in the Baltimore-Washington area. The proposed action is to consolidate four stand-alone TRACONs located in Baltimore-Washington International Airport, Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, and Washington Dulles International Airport; and the FAA operated TRACON located at Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland. The new Potomac Consolidated TRACON (PCT) would be located at a site in Northern Virginia. The preferred site is at the former Vint Hill Farms and Station near Warrenton, VA.

FAA is preparing a tiered Environmental Impact Statement. This DEIS is the first tier and addresses physical consolidation of the four TRACONs as well as building location and construction. Physical TRACON consolidation does not mandate airspace changes. A subsequent tier, or tiers, will be prepared at a later date to assess the potential impacts resulting from air traffic control procedural changes made possible by the proposed PCT, as these issues become ripe for decision.

Copies of the DEIS are available for a review at major libraries in the study area. A summary of the DEIS can be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.faa.gov/ats/potomac>.

DATES: Written comments on the DEIS will be accepted until April 12, 1999. Written comments may be sent to: FAA Potomac TRACON Project, c/o Mr. Fred Bankert, PRC Inc., 12005 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20191-3423. Oral or written comments may also be delivered at a public hearing that will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on March 25, 1999. The hearing will be at Stonewall Jackson Senior High School. The school is located behind Manassas Mall, off Business Route 234, at 8820 Rixlew Lane, Manassas, VA 20109.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Joseph Champley, Project Support Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, (800) 762-9531, Email: joe.champley@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A TRACON facility provides radar air traffic control services to aircraft operating on Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) and Visual Flight Rules (VFR) procedures generally beyond 5 miles and within 50 miles of the host airport

at altitudes from the surface to approximately 17,000 feet. These distances and altitudes may vary depending on local conditions and infrastructural constraints such as adequate radar and radio frequency coverage. The primary function of the TRACON is to provide a variety of air traffic control services to arrival, departure, and transient aircraft within its assigned airspace. These services include aircraft separation, in flight traffic advisories and navigational assistance. The four existing TRACON facilities provide terminal radar air traffic control services to the four major airports and a number of small reliever airports located within the Baltimore-Washington area.

A range of alternatives are considered in the DEIS including replacement or refurbishment of three of the four existing TRACONs, partial consolidation, No Action and full consolidation. Analysis of alternatives determined that only full consolidation meets the Purpose and Need of the proposed action. The full consolidation alternative would not cause significant environmental impact in any of the 23 impact categories assessed.

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Director, TRACON Development Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-99-04]

Petitions for Exemption; Summary of Petitions Received; Dispositions of Petitions Issued

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of petitions for exemption received and of dispositions of prior petitions.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for exemption (14 CFR Part 11), this notice contains a summary of certain petitions seeking relief from specified requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Chapter I), dispositions of certain petitions previously received, and corrections. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or

omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of any petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on petitions received must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before March 21, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on any petition in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Office of the Chief Counsel, Attn: Rule Docket (AGC-200), Petition Docket No.

800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

Comments may also be sent electronically to the following internet address: 9-NPRM-cmts@faa.gov.

The petition, any comments received, and a copy of any final disposition are filed in the assigned regulatory docket and are available for examination in the Rules Docket (AGC-200), Room 915G, FAA Headquarters Building (FOB 10A), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267-3132.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cherie Jack (202) 267-7271 or Terry Stubblefield (202) 267-7624 Office of Rulemaking (ARM-1), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

This notice is published pursuant to paragraphs (c), (e), and (g) of § 11.27 of part 11 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 11).

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Donald P. Byrne,

Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations.

Petitions for Exemption

Docket No.: 29410.

Petitioner: U.S. Technical.

Section of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 145.37(b).

Description of Relief Sought: To permit U.S. Technical to install, modify, and retrofit passenger and cabin amenities at customer facilities without providing suitable permanent housing for at least one of the heaviest aircraft for which it is rated.

Docket No.: 29439.

Petitioner: Airbus Industrie.

Regulations Affected: 14 CFR 25.807(c)(1).

Description of Petition: To allow Airbus Industrie to add seating for one more passenger increasing the total passenger seating from 179 to 180 on the Airbus Model A320 series airplanes.

Docket No.: 29451.

Petitioner: Boeing Commercial Airplane Group.

Regulations Affected: 25.562(b)(2).

Description of Petition: The petitioner requests relief from the misalignment test requirements only for flight deck seats on the Boeing Model 767-400ER airplane.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent To Rule on Application To Impose and Use the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Jacksonville International Airport, Jacksonville, Florida

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to rule on application.

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at the Jacksonville International Airport 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).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 29, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Orlando Airports District Office, 5950 Hazeltine National Drive, Suite 400, Orlando, Florida 32822-5024.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to John Clark, Aviation Vice President of the Jacksonville Port Authority at the following address: Jacksonville Port Authority, Jacksonville International Airport, 2831 Talleyrand Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida, 32206-3496.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the Jacksonville Port Authority under § 158.23 of part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard Owen, Program Manager, Orlando Airports District Office, 5950 Hazeltine National Drive, Suite 400, Orlando, Florida, 32822-5024, 407-812-6331, Extension 19. The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose