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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

Proposed Modification of the Salt Lake City Class B Airspace Area, UT; Public Meetings

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice announces three fact-finding informal airspace meetings. The purpose of these meetings is to provide interested parties an opportunity to present views, recommendations, and comments on the proposal to modify the Salt Lake City Class B Airspace Area. All comments received during these meetings will be considered prior to any revision or issuance of a notice of proposed rulemaking.

DATES: Meetings. These informal airspace meetings will be held on Thursday, August 26, at 7:00 pm; Wednesday, September 1, at 7:00 pm; and Thursday, September 16, at 7:00 pm. Comments must be received on or before October 31, 1999.

ADDRESSES: On August 26, 1999, the meeting will be held at the Ogden-Hinckley Airport in the Terminal Building Lobby; the September 1 meeting will be held at Utah Valley State College, Science Building Room 202, Orem, UT; and the September 16 meeting will be held at the Westminster College, Gore School of Business Auditorium 1840 South 1300 East, Salt Lake City, UT.

Comments: Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Manager, Air Traffic Division, ANM-500, Federal Aviation Administration, 1601 Lind Avenue, Renton, WA 98055-4056.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Orr, Air Traffic Division, ANM-520, FAA, Northwest Mountain Regional Office, telephone (425) 227-2530.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Procedures

(a) These meetings will be informal in nature and will be conducted by a representative of the FAA Northwest

Mountain Region. A representative from the FAA will present a formal briefing on the proposed airspace classification changes. Each participant will be given an opportunity to deliver comments or make a presentation.

(b) These meetings will be open to all persons on a space-available basis. There will be no admission fee or other charge to attend and participate.

(c) Any person wishing to make a presentation to the FAA panel will be asked to sign in and estimate the amount of time needed for such presentation. This will permit the panel to allocate an appropriate amount of time for each presenter.

(d) These meetings will not be adjourned until everyone on the list has had an opportunity to address the panel.

(e) Position papers or other handout material relating to the substance of these meetings will be accepted. Participants wishing to submit handout material should present three copies to the presiding officer. There should be additional copies of each handout available for other attendees.

(f) These meetings will not be formally recorded.

Agenda for the Meetings

- Opening Remarks and Discussion of Meeting Procedures.
- Briefing on Background for Proposals.
- Public Presentations.
- Closing Comments.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

14 CFR Part 254

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Domestic Baggage Liability

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (SNPRM).

SUMMARY: The Department is proposing to amend its rule governing the amount to which certain U.S. air carriers may limit their liability to passengers for lost, damaged, and delayed baggage in interstate and overseas air transportation. This action continues the proceeding initiated by a petition

from Public Citizen and Aviation Consumer Action Project to increase the minimum domestic baggage liability limit. This SNPRM reports and evaluates aggregate baggage data submitted by certain air carriers in response to the Department's 1994 NPRM and responds to comments received from various parties subsequent to the issuance of the NPRM. DOT now requests comment on raising the minimum liability limit to \$2,500 with a mechanism that would provide for periodic updates every two years.

DATES: Comments are requested by August 27, 1999; late-filed comments will be considered only to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Address comments to the Dockets Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., PL-401, Washington, D.C. 20590-0001. Comments should identify the docket number and two copies should be submitted. Persons wishing to receive confirmation of receipt of their written comments should include a self-addressed, stamped postcard. The Dockets Management System is located on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building at the Department of Transportation at the above address. Public dockets may be reviewed there between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Comments also may be reviewed on-line at the DOT Dockets Management System web site, <http://dms.dot.gov/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joanne Petrie, Office of Regulation and Enforcement, Office of General Counsel, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-9306.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Lost, damaged and delayed baggage ranks as one of the top sources of aviation consumer complaints filed with the Department of Transportation and is a major source of consumer dissatisfaction. In the Air Travel Consumer Report published by the Department, major U.S. air carriers reported the following number of domestic mishandled-baggage reports per year:

Year	Number of mishandled baggage reports
1993	2,282,903
1994	2,321,524
1995	2,227,599