

section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of 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 add additional controlled airspace at Hart Airport, Many, LA.

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(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 7400.9S, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated October 3, 2008, and effective October 31, 2008, 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 LA E5 Many, LA [Amended]

Many, Hart Airport, LA
(Lat. 31°32'41" N., long. 93°29'09" W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.5-mile radius of Hart Airport.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

39 CFR Part 3050

[Docket No. RM2009–10; Order No. 269]

Periodic Reporting Rules; Postal Regulatory Commission

ACTION: Proposed rulemaking; availability of rulemaking petition.

SUMMARY: This document announces a proposed rulemaking in response to a recent Postal Service petition involving periodic reporting rules. The petition, which is the third in a recent series, addresses seventeen potential changes. These changes cover matters such as correction of certain errors, updates based on operational changes or data system improvements, and the calculation of Periodicals bundle costs. If adopted, some of the proposed changes would affect certain cost models and revenue and volume reporting. Two other proposals affecting periodic reporting are under consideration in pending dockets.

DATES: Comments are due August 20, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory History

74 FR 31386 (Jul. 1, 2009).

74 FR 35837 (Jul. 21, 2009).

On July 28, 2009, the Postal Service filed a petition to initiate an informal rulemaking proceeding to consider changes in the analytical methods approved for use in periodic reporting.¹

The proposals described by the Petition fall into several groups. The Postal Service describes Proposals Three through Seven as “errors detected in some of the programs and spreadsheets used to prepare the ACR filing * * *.” *Id.* at 1. The Petition notes that providing advance notice of such corrections is not mandatory but observes that it is potentially beneficial to the compliance review process, and for that reason the Postal Service voluntarily provides such notice. *Id.* at 1.

The Postal Service describes Proposals Eight through Ten and Eighteen as “updates based on operational changes or data system improvements.” Proposal Eight involves new distribution factors for Special Purpose Routes; Proposal Nine involves new items in Rural Evaluation Factors; and Proposal Ten involves a new Rural distribution for DPS/Sector Segment (letters). Proposal Eighteen involves a disaggregation of TRACS data to distribute Surface CP costs between

Canada and the rest of the world. *Id.* at 2.

Proposal Eleven concerns the use of booked versus imputed values for certain international mail costs and revenues. The Petition notes that in preparing its FY 2008 Annual Compliance Determination (ACD), the Commission relied on booked values and adjusted the Postal Service's FY 2008 International Cost and Revenue Analysis (ICRA) to be consistent with that approach. The Petition observes that “if the [Commission's] intent is to consistently use booked values in place of imputed values, the methodology underlying the FY08 ACD needs to be improved.” *Id.* The Postal Service offers what it regards as a suitable improved method of applying booked values which applies booked values for attributable costs as well as for revenues. The Postal Service, however, asserts that providing an ICRA that relies on imputed values continues to have value. Therefore, it requests permission to file an alternative ICRA with its periodic reports that applies imputed values to the costs and revenues in question. It notes that in FY 2010, it will institute a new Foreign Payment System that will use an “accrual methodology that is more similar to the imputed methodology * * *.” *See id.* at 2–3, and Proposal Eleven at 1–2, attached to the Petition. The alternative ICRAs are provided under seal. *See* Library Reference USPS–RM2009–10/NP1, FY 2008 ICRA Report for Imputed and Booked Calculations.

Proposals Twelve through Fourteen concern special studies for Periodicals, Standard Mail, and Parcels, respectively. Proposal Twelve is premised on the belief that the Commission's FY 2008 ACD estimate of the percent of Incoming Secondary Periodicals flats sorted mechanically is contrary to the logic of the Periodicals cost model accepted in Docket No. RM2009–1. *See* supporting rationale for Proposal Twelve attached to the Petition, at 1–3. Proposal Thirteen exploits the fact that with respect to Standard Mail, the FY 2008 CRA report was expanded by adding separate line items for letters, flats, and NFMs/parcels. The Postal Service proposes to use these estimates to develop separate destination entry cost avoidance estimates for Standard Mail letters, flats, and NFMs/parcels.

Proposal Fourteen takes advantage of the fact that FY 2008 mail processing and transportation cost data are separately available for single-piece Parcel Post, Parcel Select, and Parcel Return Service. This makes it possible

¹ Petition of the United States Postal Service Requesting Initiation of a Proceeding to Consider Proposed Changes in Analytic Principles (Proposals Three–Nineteen), July 28, 2009 (Petition).

to develop mail processing and transportation cost models for each product that separates costs by point of entry. The proposed cost models are presented in library references under seal. See Library Reference USPS—RM2009–10/NP2, Nonpublic Materials Relating to Proposals Fourteen and Eighteen.

Proposals Fifteen through Seventeen are proposals to make refinements to volume and revenue reporting. Proposal Fifteen would expand the use of Point of Sale (POS) data from retail terminals to report revenue and associated attributes from pieces to which a PVS strip has been applied at the window. Proposal Sixteen would establish a new set of distribution factors for allocating Certificate of Mailing fee revenue back to products. Proposal Seventeen would improve revenue, piece, and weight reporting for Free Military Mail. Petition at 3.

Proposal Nineteen² relates to the calculation of bundle costs in the Periodicals “Bundle Passthrough” worksheet. The Petition notes that in the FY 2008 ACD, the Commission used the costs of bundles in sacks, rather than the weighted average costs of bundles in

both sacks and pallets, to estimate the costs avoided by Periodicals. Proposal Nineteen seeks to explore whether this change was intended or inadvertent.

The attachment to the Postal Service’s Petition explains its proposals in more detail, including the background, objective, rationale, and estimated impact of each.

It is ordered:

1. The Petition of the United States Postal Service Requesting Initiation of a Proceeding to Consider Proposed Changes in Analytic Principles (Proposals Three–Nineteen), filed July 28, 2009, is granted.

2. The Commission establishes Docket No. RM2009–10 to consider the matters raised by the Postal Service’s Petition.

3. Interested persons may submit initial comments on or before August 20, 2009.

4. The Commission will determine the need for reply comments after review of the initial comments.

5. Kenneth R. Moeller is designated to serve as the Public Representative representing the interests of the general public in this proceeding.

6. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**.

Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3652.

Issued: July 31, 2009.

By the Commission.

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Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 229

[Docket No. 080721862–8864–01]

RIN 0648–AW51

Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations; Harbor Porpoise Take Reduction Plan Regulations

Correction

In proposed rule document E9–17190 beginning on page 36058 in the issue of Tuesday, July 21, 2009, make the following correction:

On page 36064, in the third column, before the heading **Scientific Research**, Figure 1, Figure 2, and Figure 3 were inadvertently deleted. The three figures are printed to read as set forth below:

² The Petition, at 3, inadvertently refers to Proposal Nineteen as “Proposal Twenty.”