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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4349]

Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy Notice of Open Meeting

The Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy (ACIEP) will meet from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Wednesday, June 4, 2003 in Suite 602, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, 1957 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20052. The meeting will be hosted by Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs E. Anthony Wayne and Committee Chairman R. Michael Gadbaw.

The ACIEP serves the U.S. Government in a solely advisory capacity concerning issues and problems in international economic policy. Proposed topics for the March 6 meeting are rebuilding Iraq and subcommittee reports.

The public may attend these meetings as seating capacity allows. The media are welcome but discussions are off the record. For individuals interested in attending, please provide your name, title, company, or other affiliation, if appropriate, to the Advisory Committee Executive Secretariat by fax (202) 647-5936 (Attention: Gwendolyn Jackson); Tel: (202) 647-0847; or e-mail: jacksongl@state.gov by May 30, 2003.

For further information about the meeting, please contact Eliza Koch, ACIEP Secretariat, Office of Economic Policy and Public Diplomacy, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Room 3526, 2201 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20520, Tel (202) 647-1310.

Dated: May 15, 2003.

Eliza Koch,

ACIEP Secretariat, Office of Economic Policy and, Public Diplomacy Bureau of Economic Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4189]

Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) Meeting Notice: Closed Meeting

The Department of State announces a meeting of the U.S. State Department—Overseas Security Advisory Council on June 24 and 25, 2003 at the Boeing Company, Arlington, Virginia. Pursuant to section 10 (d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and 5 U.S.C. 552b (c)(1) and (4), it has been determined the meeting will be closed to the public. Matters relative to classified national security information as well as privileged commercial information will be discussed. The agenda will include updated committee reports, a global threat overview, and other discussions involving sensitive and classified information, and corporate proprietary security information, such as private sector physical and procedural security policies and protective programs and the protection of U.S. business information overseas.

For more information contact Marsha Thurman, Overseas Security Advisory Council, Department of State, Washington, DC 20522-1003, phone: 202-663-0533.

Dated: May 8, 2003.

Joe D. Morton,

Director of the Diplomatic Security Service, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Fitness Determination of Valley Air Express, Inc.

AGENCY: Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of Order to Show Cause (Order 2003-5-16), Docket OST-02-13159.

SUMMARY: The Department of Transportation is directing all interested persons to show cause why it should not issue an order finding Valley Air Express, Inc., fit, willing, and able to provide scheduled passenger operations as a commuter air carrier under 49 U.S.C. 41738.

Responses: Objections and answers to objections should be filed in Docket OST-02-13159 and addressed to the Department of Transportation Dockets, SVC-124.1, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, and should be served on all persons listed in

Attachment A to the order. Persons wishing to file objections should do so no later than May 28, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. James Lawyer, Air Carrier Fitness Division (X-56, Room 6401), U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-1064.

Dated: May 13, 2003.

Read C. Van De Water,

Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Noise Exposure Map Notice; Receipt of Noise Compatibility Program and Request for Review Greater Rockford Airport Rockford, IL

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its determination that the noise exposure maps submitted by the Greater Rockford Airport Authority for the Greater Rockford Airport under the provisions 49 U.S.C. 47501 *et. seq.* (Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act) and 14 CFR part 150 are in compliance with applicable requirements. The FAA also announces that it is reviewing a proposed noise compatibility program that was submitted for the Greater Rockford Airport under Part 150 in conjunction with the noise exposure maps, and that this program will be approved or disapproved on or before November 4, 2003.

EFFECTIVE DATES: The effective date of the FAA's determination on the noise exposure maps and of the start of its review of the associated noise compatibility program is May 8, 2003. The public comment period ends July 7, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Prescott C. Snyder, Airports Environmental Program Manager, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018. [Telephone Number (847) 294-7538/Fax Number (847) 294-7046] Comments on the proposed noise compatibility program should also be submitted to the above office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces that the FAA finds that the noise exposure maps submitted for the Greater Rockford Airport are in

compliance with applicable requirements of Part 150, effective May 8, 2003. Further, FAA is reviewing a proposed noise compatibility program for that airport which will be approved or disapproved on or before November 4, 2003. This notice also announces the availability of this program for public review and comment.

Under 49 U.S.C., section 47503 (Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act, hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), an airport operator may submit to the FAA noise exposure maps which meet applicable regulations and which depict noncompatible land uses as of the date of submission of such maps, a description of projected aircraft operations, and the ways in which such operations will affect such maps. The Act requires such maps to be developed in consultation with interested and affected parties in the local community, government agencies, and persons using the airport.

An airport operator who has submitted noise exposure maps that are found by FAA to be in compliance with the requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 150, promulgated pursuant to the Act, may submit a noise compatibility program for FAA approval which sets forth the measures the operator has taken or proposes to take to reduce existing non-compatible uses and prevent the introduction of additional non-compatible uses.

The Greater Rockford Airport Authority submitted to the FAA on April 7, 2003, noise exposure maps, descriptions and other documentation, which were produced during the Greater Rockford Airport's FAR Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study, April 2003. It was requested that the FAA review this material as the noise exposure maps, as described in section 47503 of the Act, and that the noise mitigation measures, to be implemented jointly by the airport and surrounding communities, be approved as a noise compatibility program under Section 47504 of the Act.

The FAA has completed its review of the noise exposure maps and related descriptions submitted by the Greater Rockford Airport Authority. The specific documentation determined to constitute the noise exposure maps includes information found in Appendix F, Noise Modeling Methodology as well as the submittal letter, maps and certification found in the beginning of the April 2003 FAR Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study Update for Greater Rockford Airport. The noise exposure maps and certification follow page NCP-6 in the

submission. They are the 2002 Existing Noise Exposure Map and 2008 Noise Compatibility Program Noise Exposure Map. The FAA has determined that these maps for the Greater Rockford Airport are in compliance with applicable requirements. This determination is effective on May 8, 2003. FAA's determination on an airport operator's noise exposure maps is limited to a finding that the maps were developed in accordance with the procedures contained in appendix A of FAR Part 150. Such determination does not constitute approval of the applicant's data, information or plans, or constitute a commitment to approve a noise compatibility program or to fund the implementation of that program.

If questions arise concerning the precise relationship of specific properties to noise exposure contours depicted on a noise exposure map submitted under section 47503 of the Act, it should be noted that the FAA is not involved in any way in determining the relative locations of specific properties with regard to the depicted noise contours, or in interpreting the noise exposure maps to resolve questions concerning, for example, which properties should be covered by the provisions of section 47506 of the Act. These functions are inseparable from the ultimate land use control and planning responsibilities of local government. These local responsibilities are not changed in any way under Part 150 or through FAA's review of noise exposure maps. Therefore, the responsibility for the detail overlaying of noise exposure contours onto the map depicting properties on the surface rests exclusively with the airport operator that submitted those maps, or with those public agencies and planning agencies with which consultation is required under section 47503 of the Act. The FAA has relied on the certification by the airport operator, under section 150.21 of FAR Part 150, that the statutorily required consultation has been accomplished.

The FAA has formally received the noise compatibility program for Greater Rockford Airport, also effective on May 8, 2003. Preliminary review of the submitted material indicates that it conforms to the requirements for the submittal of noise compatibility programs, but that further review will be necessary prior to approval or disapproval of the program. The formal review period, limited by law to a maximum of 180 days, will be completed on or before November 4, 2003.

The FAA's detailed evaluation will be conducted under the provisions of 14

CFR Part 150, section 150.33. The primary considerations in the evaluation process are whether the proposed measures may reduce the level of aviation safety create an undue burden on interstate or foreign commerce, or be reasonably consistent with obtaining the goal of reducing existing noncompatible land uses and preventing the introduction of additional non-compatible land uses.

Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed program with specific reference to these factors. All comments, other than those properly addressed to local land use authorities, will be considered by the FAA to the extent practicable. Copies of the noise exposure maps, the FAA's evaluation of the maps, and the proposed noise compatibility program are available for examination at the following locations.

Federal Aviation Administration,
Chicago Airports District Office,
Room 320, 2300 East Devon Avenue,
Des Plaines, Illinois 60018.

Greater Rockford Airport Authority,
Airport Manager's Office, 60 Airport
Drive, Rockford, Illinois 61109.

Illinois Department of Transportation,
Division of Aeronautics, One
Langhorne Bond Drive, Capital
Airport, Springfield, Illinois 62707.

Copies of the FAR Part 150 Noise Compatibility Program documents are also available for public review during normal business hours at the following locations:

Rockford City Council Clerk, Rockford
City Hall, 425 East State Street,
Rockford, Illinois 61104.

Rockford Public Library, 215 North
Wyman, Rockford, Illinois 61101.

Winnebago County Courthouse, County
Clerk's Office, 400 West State Street,
Rockford, Illinois 61101.

Questions may be directed to the individual named above under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Chicago, Illinois, on May 8, 2003.

Phillip M. Smithmeyer,

*Manager, Chicago Airports District Office,
FAA Great Lakes Region.*

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