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List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

Adoption of the Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

PART 71—DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, CLASS B, CLASS C, CLASS D AND CLASS E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIRWAYS; ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

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

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; EO 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 Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9G, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 1, 1999, and effective September 16, 1999, 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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ASO TN E5 Jasper, TN [Revised]

Jasper, Marion County—Brown Field Airport, TN

Lat. 35°03'37"N, long. 85°35'08"W
North Jackson Hospital, Bridgeport, AL
Point In Space Coordinates

Lat. 34°55'10"N, long. 85°45'32"W

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 12.6-mile radius of Marion County—Brown Field and that airspace within a 6-mile radius of the point in space (lat. 34°55'10"N, long. 85°45'32"W) serving North Jackson Hospital, Bridgeport, AL; excluding that airspace within the Chattanooga, TN, Class E airspace areas.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 00–ASO–15]

Establishment of Class E Airspace; Scottsboro, AL

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action establishes Class E airspace at Scottsboro, AL. A Global Positioning System (GPS) Standard Instrument Approach Procedure (SIAP), helicopter point in space approach, has been developed for Jackson County Hospital, Scottsboro, AL. As a result, controlled airspace extending upward from 700 feet Above Ground Level (AGL) is needed to accommodate the SIAP.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 0901 UTC, October 5, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

History

On May 10, 2000, the FAA proposed to amend part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) by establishing Class E airspace at Scottsboro, AL (65 FR 30036). This action provides adequate Class E airspace for IFR operations at Jackson County Hospital. Designations for Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface are published in Paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9G, dated September 1, 1999, and effective September 16, 1999, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR part 71.1. The Class E designation listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking proceeding by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments objecting to the proposal were received.

The Rule

This amendment to part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) establishes Class E airspace at Scottsboro, AL.

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary 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 Procedures (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 will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

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ASO AL E5 Scottsboro, AL [New]

Jackson County Hospital
Point in Space Coordinates

Lat. 34°39'47"N, long. 86°01'54"W

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6-mile radius of the point in space (Lat. 34°49'47"N, long. 86°01'54"W) serving Jackson County Hospital.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

17 CFR Part 232

[Release Nos. 33-7867; 34-42942; 35-27185; 39-2386; IC-24498]

RIN 3235-AG96

Adoption of Updated EDGAR Filer Manual

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission is adopting revisions to the EDGAR Filer Manual and is providing for their incorporation by reference into the Code of Federal Regulations. On May 16, 2000, we adopted a new Volume II, which described the Modernized EDGAR system implemented by EDGAR Release 7.0. Today, we are adopting conforming changes to the parts of the EDGAR Manual that concern the old (Legacy) EDGAR system (Volume I) and the filing of Form N-SAR documents (Volume III).

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 23, 2000. The incorporation by reference of the EDGAR Filer Manual is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of June 23, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: In the Office of Information Technology, Richard Heroux at (202) 942-8800; in the Division of Investment Management, for questions concerning investment company filings, Shaswat K. Das, Attorney, at (202) 942-0978, and for questions concerning Volume III (N-SAR Supplement), Carolyn A. Miller, Senior Financial Analyst, at (202) 942-0513; and for questions concerning Corporation Finance company filings, Herbert Scholl, Office Chief, EDGAR and Information Analysis, Division of Corporation Finance, at (202) 942-2930.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EDGAR Filer Manual ("Filer Manual") describes the technical formatting

requirements for the preparation and submission of electronic filings through the Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval ("EDGAR") system.¹ On May 16, 2000, we adopted a new Volume II of the Filer Manual, containing the technical specifications for using the new modernized EDGAR system implemented by EDGAR Release 7.0.² Today we are updating the provisions of the Filer Manual governing the Legacy EDGAR system, and the N-SAR Supplement, to reflect the limited changes being made to these systems with the implementation of EDGAR Release 7.0. The Filer Manual provisions governing the Legacy EDGAR system are found in Volume I.³ The provisions governing N-SAR filings are found in Volume III.

Filers must comply with the applicable provisions of the Filer Manual in order to assure the timely acceptance and processing of filings made in electronic format.⁴ Filers should consult the Filer Manual in conjunction with our rules governing mandated electronic filing when preparing documents for electronic submission.⁵

The principal revisions to the Legacy EDGAR provisions reflect these changes in EDGAR Release 7.0: an update to the use of magnetic tape cartridges and the

removal of 9 track tapes when support of the Legacy EDGAR system ends; the elimination of diskette filing effective July 10, 2000; and the need for filers using the Legacy EDGAR software system to update company information, change passwords or change CIK confirmation codes by either entering the new data using the new EDGAR website available on the Internet or submitting an amended Form ID. Filers using the old version of EDGARLink will not be able to take advantage of EDGAR's new graphic and hypertext linking features.

The principal revision to the N-SAR provisions reflects the capability to install and run the N-SAR application under a Windows operating system environment. While filers will be able to submit their Forms N-SAR using the modernized EDGARLink, we do not encourage its use at this point, since certain header-building assistance and error checking is not yet available to filers using the modernized EDGARLink.

We are also amending Rule 301 of Regulation S-T to provide for the incorporation by reference into the Code of Federal Regulations of the updated Volumes I and III of the Filer Manual. This incorporation by reference was approved by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR Part 51.

You may obtain paper copies of the updated Filer Manual at the following address: Public Reference Room, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington DC 20549-0102. We will post electronic format copies on the SEC's Web Site. The SEC's Web Site address for the Filer Manual is <http://www.sec.gov/asec/ofis/filerman.htm>. You may also obtain copies from Disclosure Incorporated, the paper and microfiche contractor for the Commission, at (800) 638-8241.

Since the Filer Manual relates solely to agency procedures or practice, publication for notice and comment is not required under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA).⁶ It follows that the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act⁷ do not apply.

The effective date for the updated Filer Manual and the rule amendments is June 23, 2000. In accordance with the APA,⁸ we find that there is good cause to establish an effective date less than 30 days after publication of these rules. The EDGAR system upgrade to Release 7.0 took effect on May 30, 2000. The Commission believes that it is necessary

¹ We originally adopted the Filer Manual on April 1, 1993, with an effective date of April 26, 1993. Release No. 33-6986 (Apr. 1, 1993) [58 FR 18638]. We implemented the most recent update to the Filer Manual on May 16, 2000. See Release No. 33-7858 (May 16, 2000) [65 FR 34079].

² EDGAR Release 7.0 includes features that will be available for the first time to filers using a new, modernized version of EDGARLink software, the filer assistance software we provide filers filing on the EDGAR system. Among these features are the ability to include expanded hyperlinks and graphics in filings, and to make filings over the Internet.

³ We will be maintaining the Legacy EDGAR system at least until November 1, 2000. We are doing this to provide filers abundant time to transition to the new modernized system.

⁴ See Rule 301 of Regulation S-T (17 CFR 232.301).

⁵ See Release Nos. 33-6977 (Feb. 23, 1993) [58 FR 14628], IC-19284 (Feb. 23, 1993) [58 FR 14848], 35-25746 (Feb. 23, 1993) [58 FR 14999], and 33-6980 (Feb. 23, 1993) [58 FR 15009] in which we comprehensively discuss the rules we adopted to govern mandated electronic filing. See also Release No. 33-7122 (Dec. 19, 1994) [59 FR 67752], in which we made the EDGAR rules final and applicable to all domestic registrants; Release No. 33-7427 (July 1, 1997) [62 FR 36450], in which we adopted minor amendments to the EDGAR rules; Release No. 33-7472 (Oct. 24, 1997) [62 FR 58647], in which we announced that, as of January 1, 1998, we would not accept in paper filings that we require filers to submit electronically; Release No. 34-40935 (Jan. 12, 1999) [64 FR 2843], in which we made mandatory the electronic filing of Form 13F; Release No. 33-7684 (May 17, 1999) [64 FR 27888], in which we adopted amendments to implement the first stage of EDGAR modernization; and Release No. 33-7855 (April 24, 2000) [65 FR 23937], in which we implemented EDGAR Release 7.0.

⁶ 5 U.S.C. 553(b).

⁷ 5 U.S.C. 601-612.

⁸ 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3).