

slot holdings at an airport. Carriers are reminded that the slot transfer provisions may be used to transfer unused slots to other carriers and that slots may be returned to the FAA for temporary reallocation. We encourage carriers to use existing regulatory mechanisms rather than rely on this waiver. Slot exemptions cannot be sold, leased or otherwise transferred. If carriers determine that they will not use their slot exemptions, they are encouraged to return them to the FAA so that they may be reallocated to other eligible carriers. The FAA intends to use temporarily returned slots to accommodate short-term requests for additional slots or schedule adjustments. In order to meet as many of those needs as possible, the FAA requests that carriers returning slots or slot exemptions under this waiver provide as much advance notice as practical.

Also, the FAA notes that international slots are not subject to the same minimum slot usage requirements as domestic slots. The slot regulations provide that international slots must be returned to the FAA if they will not be used for more than a 2-week period. (See CFR 93.217(3)). Historic allocation priority for subsequent scheduling seasons is granted based on actual operations. For the period of March 19, 2003 through October 25, 2003, the FAA will treat as operated any international slot allocated during that period provided that it was either actually operated by the carrier or returned to the FAA for the period it will not be used. Carriers meeting these conditions will be granted historic status for the corresponding winter 2003 and summer 2004 scheduling seasons.

Lastly, the FAA will continue to monitor operations at the high density traffic airports during the period of this waiver. Carriers are advised to contact the FAA on an individual basis under the provisions of 14 CFR 93.227(j) if further relief is necessary beyond the duration of this policy.

Issued in Washington, DC on April 18, 2003.

James W. Whitlow,
Deputy Chief Counsel.

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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 Tupelo Regional Airport, Tupelo, MS

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 Tupelo Regional 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 May 23, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Jackson Airports District Office, 100 West Cross Street, Jackson, MS 39208.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Terry Anderson, Executive Director of the Tupelo Regional Airport Authority at the following address: Mr. Terry L. Anderson, Executive Director, Tupelo Airport Authority, 2704 West Jackson Street, Tupelo, MS 38801.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Shumate, Program Manager, Jackson Airports District Office, 100 West Cross Street, Jackson, MS 39208, (601) 664-9882. 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 and use the revenue from a PFC at Tupelo Regional 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).

On April 16, 2003, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC

submitted by Tupelo Regional Airport Authority was substantially complete within the requirements of § 158.25 of part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than August 11, 2003.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

PFC Application No.: 03-03-C-00-TUP.

Level of the proposed PFC: \$4.50.

Proposed charge effective date:

January 1, 2004.

Proposed charge expiration date:

January 1, 2013.

Total estimated net PFC revenue:

\$750,000.

Brief description of proposed project: Airport Terminal Expansion, Renovation and Security Enhancement.

Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFCs: None.

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER**

INFORMATION CONTACT.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the Tupelo Regional Airport Authority.

Issued in Jackson, Mississippi, on April 16, 2003.

Wayne Atkinson,

Manager, Jackson Airports District Office, Southern Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Jackson, Harrison and Hancock, Greene, Stone, and Pearl River Counties, Mississippi

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Federal Highway Administration is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for the CSX Railroad Relocation Study in the above referenced counties in Mississippi.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Cecil Vick, Realty Officer/ Environmental Coordinator, and Mr. Dickie Walters, Environmental Protection Specialist, Federal Highway Administration, 666 North Street, Suite 105, Jackson, MS 39202-3199, Telephone: (601) 965-4217. Contacts at