

GOVERNMENT/INDUSTRY AERONAUTICAL CHARTING FORUM 03-01

April 30-May 1, 2003

Recommendation Document

SUBJECT: Broadcast Stations on Sectional Charts

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION: Broadcast stations are depicted on TACs, Sectionals, WACS and Helicopter Route charts. Unless specifically requested by appropriate authority, a station has to meet stringent criteria to be charted, e.g., areas where adequate nav aids are lacking, operating in the 500-600Khz band, low output power and, operating 14 hours a day. While the specific location of the transmitting antenna is to be charted with a symbol, very few antenna locations are designated and only the data box with the frequency and call sign are charted in the general vicinity. Cross-checking the information in the DOF, which contains FCC data, many times results in erroneous frequencies and call letters. Pilots have commented that the usefulness of broadcast stations for navigation is nonexistent to extremely limited, but that you can listen to ball games, music, talk shows, etc. Entertainment is not a charting factor. Data on visual charts should assist the pilot in navigation or situational awareness; charting broadcast stations does neither.

RECOMMENDATION: Delete the requirement to show broadcast stations on sectionals except by special request.

COMMENT: This recommendation affects IACC Specs

SUBMITTED BY: John Moore

ORGANIZATION: AVN-503

DATE: April 15, 2003

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03-01 MEETING: Mr. John Moore submitted this issue and stated that it is difficult to ensure that current frequency and call letter information is depicted on the charts. In addition, he states that pilots have commented that the usefulness of this information for navigation is extremely limited. **ACTION:** ATA-100, HAI and EAA.

03-02 MEETING: Meeting canceled.

04-01 MEETING: Mr. Dick Powell, ATA-100 reported that he contacted HAI to determine if they have any objections to removing broadcast stations from the VFR charts. Mr. Powell stated that he received no response from HAI and that he was unable to contact EAA. Mr. Powell asked the ACF members for a point of contact at EAA. **ACTION:** ATA-100, HAI and EAA.

04-02 MEETING: Mr. Dick Powell, Aeronautical Information Services, stated that Mr. Dick Wright, HAI, reported that HAI members show no interest in broadcast stations. HAI concurred with the removal of broadcast stations from the VFR Charts. Mr. Powell stated that he was

unable to obtain an EAA position and recommended removal of the broadcast stations from the charts. ACF members concurred with the recommendation. **CLOSED**
