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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Indexing the Annual Operating Revenues of Railroads

The Surface Transportation Board (STB) is publishing the annual inflation-adjusted index factors for 2016. These factors are used by the railroads to adjust their gross annual operating revenues for classification purposes. This indexing methodology ensures that railroads are classified based on real business expansion and not on the effects of inflation. Classification is important because it determines the extent to which individual railroads must comply with STB reporting requirements.

The STB's annual inflation-adjusted factors are based on the annual average Railroad Freight Price Index developed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The STB's deflator factor is used to deflate revenues for comparison with established revenue thresholds.

The base year for railroads is 1991. The inflation index factors are presented as follows:

STB RAILROAD INFLATION-ADJUSTED INDEX AND DEFLATOR FACTOR TABLE

Year	Index	Deflator
1991	409.50	¹ 100.00
1992	411.80	99.45
1993	415.50	98.55
1994	418.80	97.70
1995	418.17	97.85
1996	417.46	98.02
1997	419.67	97.50
1998	424.54	96.38
1999	423.01	96.72
2000	428.64	95.45
2001	436.48	93.73
2002	445.03	91.92
2003	454.33	90.03
2004	473.41	86.40
2005	522.41	78.29
2006	567.34	72.09
2007	588.30	69.52
2008	656.78	62.28
2009	619.73	66.00
2010	652.29	62.71
2011	708.80	57.71
2012	740.61	55.23
2013	764.19	53.53
2014	778.41	52.55
2015	749.22	54.60

STB RAILROAD INFLATION-ADJUSTED INDEX AND DEFLATOR FACTOR TABLE—Continued

Year	Index	Deflator
2016	732.38	55.85

¹In *Montana Rail Link, Inc., & Wisconsin Central Ltd., Joint Petition for Rulemaking with Respect to 49 CFR Part 1201*, 8 I.C.C.2d 625 (1992), the Board's predecessor, the Interstate Commerce Commission, raised the revenue classification level for Class I railroads from \$50 million (1978 dollars) to \$250 million (1991 dollars), effective for the reporting year beginning January 1, 1992. The Class II threshold was also raised from \$10 million (1978 dollars) to \$20 million (1991 dollars).

Effective Date: January 1, 2016.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Availability of the Federal Aviation Administration Adoption and Record of Decision of Department of Navy's Final Environmental Impact Statement and Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Land Acquisition and Airspace Establishment To Support Large-Scale Marine Air Ground: Task Force Live Fire and Maneuver Training, Twentynine Palms

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of record of decision.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its decision to adopt the Department of the Navy's (DoN) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for Land Acquisition and Airspace Establishment to Support Large-Scale Marine Air Ground Task Force Live-Fire and Maneuver Training at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, California. In accordance with Section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 ("NEPA"), the Council on Environmental Quality's ("CEQ") regulations implementing NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and other applicable authorities, including the

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order 1050.1F, Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures, paragraph 8-2, and FAA Order JO 7400.2K, "Procedures for Handling Airspace Matters," paragraph 32-2-3, the FAA has conducted an independent review and evaluation of the DoN's EIS and SEIS for Land Acquisition and Airspace Establishment to Support Large-Scale Marine Air Ground Task Force Live-Fire and Maneuver Training at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, California dated July 2012 and January 2017 respectively. As a cooperating agency with responsibility for approving special use airspace under 49 U.S.C. 40103(b)(3)(A), the FAA provided subject matter expertise to the DoN during the environmental review process. Based on its independent review and evaluation, the FAA has determined the EIS and SEIS, including all supporting documentation, as incorporated by reference, adequately assesses and discloses the environmental impacts for the temporary special use air space, and that adoption of the 2012 and 2017 EISs by the FAA is authorized under 40 CFR 1506.3, Adoption. Accordingly, the FAA adopts the 2012 and 2017 EISs, and takes full responsibility for the scope and content that addresses the proposed temporary changes to Special Use Airspace in the vicinity of the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paula Miller, Airspace Policy and Regulations Group, Office of Airspace Services, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267-7378.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In July 2012, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and its implementing regulations, the DoN released a Final EIS. The Final EIS presented the potential environmental consequences of the DoN's proposal to establish Special Use Airspace to support Navy training activities that involve the use of advanced weapons systems. The U.S. Marine Corps is the proponent for the temporary SUA in the vicinity of Twentynine Palms, California, and the DoN is the lead agency for the preparation of the EIS and SEIS. The DoN issued their RODs on 2013 and 2017. As a result of public, agency, and tribal comments, and the FAA aeronautical review process; the DoN, FAA, other Federal and State agencies, and tribal governments have