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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

9 CFR Part 201

[Doc. No. AMS–FTPP–21–0046]

RIN 0581–AE04

Fair and Competitive Livestock and Poultry Markets

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Withdrawal of proposed rulemaking and termination of rulemaking proceeding.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Agriculture’s (“USDA” or “the Department”) Agricultural Marketing Service (“AMS” or “the Agency”) is withdrawing a notice of proposed rulemaking, the “Fair and Competitive Livestock and Poultry Markets” proposed rule.

ADDRESSES: Packers and Stockyards Division, USDA, AMS, FTPP; Room 2097–S, Mail Stop 3601, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250–3601.

DATES: The proposed rule published on June 28, 2024, 89 FR 53886, is withdrawn on January 16, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: S. Brett Offutt, Chief Legal Officer/Policy Advisor, Packers and Stockyards Division, USDA AMS Fair Trade Practices Program, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250; Phone: (202) 690–4355; or email: s.brett.offutt@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 28, 2024, AMS published the proposed rule entitled, “Fair and Competitive Livestock and Poultry Markets,” which sought to amend 9 CFR part 201 by adding § 201.308, “Unfair practices and devices,” to specify general practices that are unfair and in violation of section 202(a) of the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921 (“P&S Act”). The proposed rule defined unfair conduct to include harms to market participants

and harms to the market. Regarding harm to market participants, proposed § 201.308(a) defined unfair practices with respect to market participants and proposed § 201.308(b) set forth standards for assessing whether an allegedly unfair practice under proposed § 201.308(a) causes or was likely to cause substantial injury with respect to market participants. Regarding harm to markets, proposed § 201.308(c) set standards for the unfair practices with respect to markets and competition and proposed § 201.308(d) set forth standards for assessing whether a practice poses or was likely to pose a threat to competition under proposed paragraph (c).

AMS received 13,241 public comments (some single comments including hundreds of signatories) on the proposed rule during the 75-day comment period, which closed on September 11, 2024. Of the comments received, 352 submissions were unique and 12,889 were part of several form letter campaigns. These comments were submitted or signed by producers, processors, industry trade organizations, farmers’ coalitions, advocacy organizations, government entities, and a variety of other interested parties. Topics that garnered considerable attention in the comments—positive and negative—included questions of legality and authority surrounding the proposed rule, potential impacts to the market and market participants, potential economic impacts of the proposed rule, potential changes to and ramifications of legitimate business justifications, and countervailing benefits.

Withdrawal of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Termination of the Rulemaking Proceeding

While AMS continues to support the intent and purpose of the proposed rule to increase competition and clarify the unfair practices prohibited under the P&S Act, based on the considerable feedback we received through the public comment process, we have determined it appropriate to withdraw the proposed rule. AMS believes that withdrawing the rule both preserves its ability to re-examine these important issues in the future and enables the Agency to explore with stakeholders regarding how best to implement the requirements of the P&S Act.

Although this proposal is being withdrawn, AMS continues to support the intent and purpose of the proposed rule. Notably, the Department is not withdrawing this proposed rule and terminating this rulemaking proceeding based upon a change in agency interpretation of its authority under section 202(a) or 407 of the P&S Act. Nor should the withdrawal of this proposed rule be read to affect any other existing legal requirements or policies of the Department. This withdrawal action does not affect AMS’ ongoing application of existing statutory and regulatory requirements or its responsibility to faithfully administer the P&S Act on a case-by-case basis.

Erin Morris,

Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA–2024–2453; Airspace Docket No. 24–ANE–8]

RIN 2120–AA66

Establishment of Class E Airspace; North Conway, NH

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This action proposes to establish Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface for Memorial Hospital Heliport, North Conway, NH. This action would accommodate a new instrument approach procedure for Memorial Hospital Heliport, North Conway, NH. **DATES:** Comments must be received on or before March 3, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Send comments identified by FAA Docket No. FAA–2024–2453 and Airspace Docket No. 24–ANE–8 using any of the following methods:

* *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to www.regulations.gov and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

* *Mail:* Docket Operations, M–30; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200

New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12-140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

* *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for Federal holidays.

* *Fax:* Fax comments to Docket Operations at (202) 493-2251.

Docket: Background documents or comments received may be read at www.regulations.gov at any time. Follow the online instructions for accessing the docket or go to the Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for Federal holidays.

FAA Order JO 7400.11J Airspace Designations and Reporting Points and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/. You may also contact the Rules and Regulations Group, Office of Policy, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267-8783.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rachel Cruz, Operations Support Group, Eastern Service Center, Federal Aviation Administration, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, GA 30337; Telephone: (404) 305-5571.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority for This Rulemaking

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, Section 106 describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority, as it would establish Class E airspace in North Conway, NH.

Comments Invited

The FAA invites interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written comments, data, or views. Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory,

aeronautical, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the proposal, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting data. To ensure the docket does not contain duplicate comments, commenters should submit only one time if comments are filed electronically, or commenters should send only one copy of written comments if comments are filed in writing.

The FAA will file in the docket all comments it receives, as well as a report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerning this proposed rulemaking. Before acting on this proposal, the FAA will consider all comments it receives on or before the closing date for comments. The FAA will consider comments filed after the comment period has closed if it is possible to do so without incurring expense or delay. The FAA may change this proposal in light of the comments it receives.

Privacy: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edits, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at www.dot.gov/privacy.

Availability of Rulemaking Documents

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded through the internet at www.regulations.gov. Recently published rulemaking documents can also be accessed through the FAA's web page at www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/airspace_amendments/.

You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Operations office (see **ADDRESSES** section for address, phone number, and hours of operations). An informal docket may also be examined during regular business hours at the office of the Eastern Service Center, Federal Aviation Administration, Room 210, 1701 Columbia Ave., College Park, GA 30337.

Incorporation by Reference

Class E airspace designations are published in Paragraph 6005 of FAA Order JO 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 on an annual basis. This document proposes to amend the

current version of that order, FAA Order JO 7400.11J, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated July 31, 2024, and effective September 15, 2024. These updates will be published in the next update to FAA Order JO 7400.11. FAA Order JO 7400.11J is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. FAA Order JO 7400.11J lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

The Proposal

The FAA proposes an amendment to 14 CFR part 71 to establish Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6-mile radius of Memorial Hospital Heliport, North Conway, NH. Controlled airspace is necessary for the safety and management of instrument flight rules (IFR) operations in the area.

Regulatory Notices and Analyses

The FAA has determined that this proposed 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 Department of Transportation (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 proposed rule, when promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Environmental Review

This proposal will be subject to an environmental analysis in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures," prior to any final regulatory action by the FAA.

Lists of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

The Proposed Amendment

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

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

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

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(f); 106(g); 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 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 FAA Order JO 7400.11], Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated July 31, 2024, and effective September 15, 2024, 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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Memorial Hospital Heliport, North Conway, NH

(Lat. 44°03'45" N, long. 71°08'14" W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6-mile radius of Memorial Hospital Heliport, North Conway, NH.

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Issued in College Park, Georgia, on January 8, 2025.

Patrick Young,

Manager, Airspace & Procedures Team North, Eastern Service Center, Air Traffic Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA–2025–0062; Airspace Docket No. 25–AEA–1]

RIN 2120–AA66

Amendment of Class E Airspace; Beckley, WV

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This action proposes to amend the Class E airspace at Beckley, WV. The FAA is proposing this action as the result of an airspace review conducted due to the decommissioning of the Beckley very high frequency omnidirectional range (VOR) as part of the VOR Minimum Operational Network (MON) Program. This action will bring the airspace into compliance

with FAA orders and support instrument flight rule (IFR) procedures and operations.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 3, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Send comments identified by FAA Docket No. FAA–2025–0062 and Airspace Docket No. 25–AEA–1 using any of the following methods:

* *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to www.regulations.gov and follow the online instruction for sending your comments electronically.

* *Mail:* Send comments to Docket Operations, M–30; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12–140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

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section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it would amend the Class E surface airspace and Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Raleigh County Memorial Airport, Beckley, WV, to support IFR operations at this airport.

Comments Invited

The FAA invites interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written comments, data, or views. Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, aeronautical, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the proposal, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting data. To ensure the docket does not contain duplicate comments, commenters should submit only one time if comments are filed electronically, or commenters should send only one copy of written comments if comments are filed in writing.

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