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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

[Docket No. FAA-2004-16944]

Operating Limitations at Chicago O'Hare International Airport; Extension of Request for Written Information

ACTION: Extension of request for information.

SUMMARY: This action extends the period during which interested persons may submit written information, including data and views, in response to a notice that the FAA published on August 2, 2004. In that document, the FAA announced that it would hold a meeting beginning on August 4 to discuss flight reductions at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport (O'Hare) to reduce overscheduling and flight delays during peak hours of operation at that airport. In addition, the notice invited interested persons to submit written information on such schedule reductions. Since the meeting commenced on August 4, the FAA has continued discussions with air carriers that attended the meeting. The FAA is extending the period for filing written information to afford interested parties additional time to submit information while the discussions continue.

DATES: Written information must be received on or before 12:00 p.m. on August 13, 2004.

ADDRESSES: You may send written information, identified by docket number FAA-2004-16944, by any of the following methods:

- DOT Docket website: Go to <http://dms.dot.gov> and follow the instructions for submitting information electronically.
- Fax: 1-202-493-2251.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On July 28, 2004, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued a notice announcing that it would conduct a meeting to discuss flight reductions at O'Hare to reduce over scheduling and flight delays during peak hours at the airport (69 FR 46201; August 2, 2004). The FAA also invited the submission of written information from interested persons on such schedule reductions. The FAA plans to issue a decision on delay reductions in a final order. The meeting began on August 4 and is continuing. It was open to all scheduled carriers, regardless of whether they currently serve O'Hare. The FAA originally solicited written information filed on or before August 11, 2004.

Extension of Request for Information

Discussions with the air carriers regarding their scheduled operations at O'Hare are continuing. The FAA designated a short period for submitting information, as the FAA has previously indicated its intentions to address this issue as soon as possible to accommodate the implementation of the air carriers' November 2004 schedules. Given that the discussions are continuing, the FAA finds that it would benefit the public and the agency to keep the public docket open for as long as possible to afford interested persons more time to submit written information.

The FAA will provide actual notice to all parties that attended the meeting. The FAA has determined that extension of the period for submitting written information is consistent with the public interest, and that good cause exists for taking this action. Accordingly, the period is extended until 12:00 p.m. on August 13, 2004.

We will consider all information we receive on or before the extended closing date. We will consider information filed late if it is possible to do so without incurring expense or delay.

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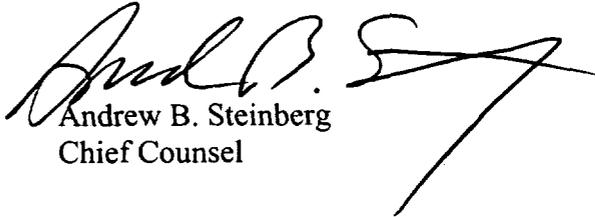
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