

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****14 CFR Part 71**

[Docket No. FAA-2014-0247; Airspace Docket No. 14-ASW-1]

**Proposed Establishment of Class E Airspace; Sonora, TX**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** This action proposes to establish Class E airspace at Sonora, TX. Controlled airspace is necessary to accommodate new Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAP) at JL Bar Ranch Airport. The FAA is taking this action to enhance the safety and management of Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations for SIAPs at the airport.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before January 12, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on this proposal to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001. You must identify the docket number FAA-2014-0247/Airspace Docket No. 14-ASW-1, at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit comments through the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Docket Office (telephone 1-800-647-5527), is on the ground floor of the building at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rebecca Shelby, Central Service Center, Operations Support Group, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76137; telephone: 817-321-7740.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Comments Invited**

Interested parties are invited to participate in this proposed rulemaking by submitting such written data, views, or arguments, as they may desire. Comments that provide the factual basis supporting the views and suggestions presented are particularly helpful in developing reasoned regulatory decisions on the proposal. Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, aeronautical, economic,

environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal. Communications should identify both docket numbers and be submitted in triplicate to the address listed above. Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments on this notice must submit with those comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket No. FAA-2014-0247/Airspace Docket No. 14-ASW-1." The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter.

**Availability of NPRMs**

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded through the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Recently published rulemaking documents can also be accessed through the FAA's Web page at [http://www.faa.gov/airports\\_airtraffic/air\\_traffic/publications/airspace\\_amendments/](http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/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 Office (see **ADDRESSES** section for address and phone number) between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the office of the Central Service Center, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76137.

Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRMs should contact the FAA's Office of Rulemaking (202) 267-9677, to request a copy of Advisory Circular No. 11-2A, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Distribution System, which describes the application procedure.

**The Proposal**

This action proposes to amend Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR), part 71 by establishing Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.5-mile radius of JL Bar Ranch Airport, Sonora, TX, to accommodate new standard instrument approach procedures. Controlled airspace is needed for the safety and management of IFR operations at the airport.

Class E airspace areas are published in Paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9Y, dated August 6, 2014 and effective September 15, 2014, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designation listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

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 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 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.

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the U.S. Code. Subtitle 1, 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 controlled airspace at JL Bar Ranch Airport, Sonora, TX.

**Environmental Review**

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

**List 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 part 71 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 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 7400.9Y, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 6, 2014 and effective September 15, 2014, 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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**ASW TX E5 Sonora, TX [New]**

JL Bar Ranch Airport, TX

(Lat. 30°34'06" N., long. 100°26'39" W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.5-mile radius of JL Bar Ranch Airport.

Issued in Fort Worth, TX, on November 13, 2014.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****18 CFR Part 40**

[Docket No. RM14-10-000]

**Real Power Balancing Control Performance Reliability Standard**

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission proposes to approve Reliability Standard BAL-001-2 (Real Power Balancing Control Performance) and proposed new definitions submitted by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC). The proposed Reliability Standard is designed to ensure that applicable entities maintain system frequency within narrow bounds around a scheduled value. In addition, the Commission proposes that NERC submit an informational filing that would address the impact of the proposed Reliability Standard on inadvertent interchange and unscheduled power flows.

**DATES:** Comments are due January 26, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, identified by docket number, may be filed in the following ways:

- Electronic Filing through <http://www.ferc.gov>. Documents created electronically using word processing

software should be filed in native applications or print-to-PDF format and not in a scanned format.

- Mail/Hand Delivery: Those unable to file electronically may mail or hand-deliver comments to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

**Instructions:** For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see the Comment Procedures Section of this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

1. Under section 215 of the Federal Power Act (FPA),<sup>1</sup> the Commission proposes to approve Reliability Standard BAL-001-2 (Real Power Balancing Control Performance) that the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), the Commission-certified Electric Reliability Organization (ERO), submitted for approval. The proposed Reliability Standard applies to balancing authorities and regulation reserve sharing groups, and is designed to maintain Interconnection frequency within predefined frequency limits. The Commission also proposes to approve the retirement of currently-effective Reliability Standard BAL-001-1 immediately prior to the effective date of BAL-001-2.

2. Further, the Commission proposes to approve NERC's four proposed definitions, associated violation risk factors and violation severity levels, implementation plan, and effective dates. The Commission also proposes that NERC submit an informational filing that would address the impact of the proposed Reliability Standard on inadvertent interchange<sup>2</sup> and unscheduled power flows.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 16 U.S.C. 824(o) (2012).

<sup>2</sup> NERC defines "Inadvertent Interchange" in the NERC Glossary of Terms Used in Reliability Standards (Glossary) as "[t]he difference between the Balancing Authority's Net Actual Interchange and Net Scheduled Interchange. (I<sub>A</sub> - I<sub>S</sub>)"

<sup>3</sup> "Unscheduled power flows" generally refers to the power flows that result from the law of physics

**I. Background****A. Mandatory Reliability Standards and Order No. 693 Directive**

3. Section 215 of the FPA requires a Commission-certified Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) to develop mandatory and enforceable Reliability Standards that are subject to Commission review and approval. Specifically, the Commission may approve, by rule or order, a proposed Reliability Standard or modification to a Reliability Standard if it determines that the Standard is just, reasonable, not unduly discriminatory or preferential and in the public interest.<sup>4</sup> Once approved, the Reliability Standards may be enforced by NERC, subject to Commission oversight, or by the Commission independently.<sup>5</sup>

4. Pursuant to section 215 of the FPA, the Commission established a process to select and certify an ERO,<sup>6</sup> and subsequently certified NERC.<sup>7</sup> On March 16, 2007, the Commission issued Order No. 693, approving 83 of the 107 Reliability Standards filed by NERC, including BAL-001-0 and a companion standard BAL-002-0.<sup>8</sup> When approving BAL-002-0, the Commission directed NERC "to modify this Reliability Standard to define a significant deviation and a reportable event, taking into account all events that have an impact on frequency, *e.g.*, loss of supply, loss of load and significant scheduling problems, which can cause frequency disturbances and to address how balancing authorities should respond."<sup>9</sup>

**B. Proposed Reliability Standard BAL-001-2**

5. On April 2, 2014, NERC filed a petition (Petition) seeking approval of proposed Reliability Standard BAL-001-2, four new definitions to be added to the Glossary of Terms used in NERC Reliability Standards (NERC Glossary of

that causes power from a given source to flow over all possible paths to its destination.

<sup>4</sup> 16 U.S.C. 824o(d)(2).

<sup>5</sup> 16 U.S.C. 824o(e).

<sup>6</sup> *Rules Concerning Certification of the Electric Reliability Organization; and Procedures for the Establishment, Approval, and Enforcement of Electric Reliability Standards*, Order No. 672, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,204, *order on reh'g*, Order No. 672-A, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,212 (2006).

<sup>7</sup> *North American Electric Reliability Corp.*, 116 FERC ¶ 61,062, *order on reh'g and compliance*, 117 FERC ¶ 61,126 (2006), *aff'd sub nom. Alcoa, Inc. v. FERC*, 564 F.3d 1342 (D.C. Cir. 2009).

<sup>8</sup> *Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System*, Order No. 693, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,242, *order on reh'g*, Order No. 693-A, 120 FERC ¶ 61,053 (2007). The Commission approved Reliability Standard BAL-001-1 in an unpublished letter order, October 16, 2013 in Docket No. RD13-11-000.

<sup>9</sup> *Id.* P 355.