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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2016-8833; Airspace Docket No. 16-ACE-8]

Proposed Amendment of Class E Airspace for the following Iowa Towns; Algona, IA; Ankeny, IA; Atlantic, IA; Belle Plaine, IA; Creston, IA; Estherville, IA; Grinnell, IA; Guthrie Center, IA; and Oelwein, IA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This action proposes to modify Class E surface area at Ankeny Regional Airport, Ankeny, IA; and Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Algona Municipal Airport, Algona, IA; Ankeny Regional Airport; Atlantic Municipal Airport, Atlantic, IA; Belle Plaine Municipal Airport, Belle Plaine, IA; Creston Municipal Airport, Creston, IA; Estherville Municipal Airport, Estherville, IA; Grinnell Regional Airport, Grinnell, IA; Guthrie County Regional Airport, Guthrie Center, IA; and Oelwein Municipal Airport, Oelwein, IA. Decommissioning of non-directional radio beacons (NDB), cancellation of NDB approaches, and implementation of area navigation (RNAV) procedures have made this action necessary for the safety and management of Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at the above airports. Additionally, the geographic coordinates for Algona Municipal Airport, Atlantic Municipal Airport, and Grinnell Regional Airport would be adjusted to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database. The name of Belle Plaine, IA, would also be adjusted to correct a misspelling in the legal

description.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before **[INSERT DATE 45 DAYS FROM DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on this proposal to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590; telephone (202) 366-9826, or 1-800-647-5527. You must identify FAA Docket No. FAA-2016-8833; Airspace Docket No. 16-ACE-8, 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.

FAA Order 7400.11A, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/. For further information, you can contact the Airspace Policy Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C., 20591; telephone: 202-267-8783. The Order is also available for inspection at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of FAA Order 7400.11A at NARA, call 202-741-6030, or go to http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/code_of_federal-regulations/ibr_locations.html.

FAA Order 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, is published yearly and effective on September 15.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey Claypool, Federal Aviation Administration, Operations Support Group, Central Service Center, 10101 Hillwood

Parkway, Fort Worth, TX, 76177; telephone (817) 222-5711.

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 amend Class E surface area at Ankeny Regional Airport, Ankeny, IA; and Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Algona Municipal Airport, Algona, IA; Ankeny Regional Airport; Atlantic Municipal Airport, Atlantic, IA; Belle Plaine Municipal Airport, Belle Plaine, IA; Creston Municipal Airport, Creston, IA; Estherville Municipal Airport, Estherville, IA; Grinnell Regional Airport, Grinnell, IA; Guthrie County Regional Airport, Guthrie Center, IA; and Oelwein Municipal Airport, Oelwein, IA.

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-2016-8833/Airspace Docket No. 16-ACE-8.” 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.regulations.gov>.

You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office (see the “ADDRESSES” section for the 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 Federal Aviation Administration, Air Traffic Organization, Central Service Center, Operations Support Group, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, TX, 76177.

Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference

This document proposes to amend FAA Order 7400.11A, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 3, 2016, and effective September 15, 2016. FAA Order 7400.11A is publicly available as listed in the ADDRESSES section of this document. FAA Order 7400.11A lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

The Proposal

The FAA is proposing an amendment to Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) Part 71 by modifying:

Class E surface area airspace within a 4.2-mile radius (increased from the 4-mile radius) of Ankeny Regional Airport, Ankeny, IA;

Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface:

By removing the 10-mile extension northwest of Algona Municipal Airport, Algona, IA, and updating the geographic coordinates of the airport to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database;

Within a 6.7-mile radius (reduced from the previous 7.1-mile radius) of Ankeny Regional Airport, Ankeny, IA, and removing the extensions 9.3 miles northeast and 11.1 miles north of the airport;

Within a 7.2-mile radius (increased from the 6.8-mile radius) of Atlantic Municipal Airport, Atlantic, IA, with an extension to the northeast from the 7.2-mile radius to 9.2 miles, and updating the geographic coordinates of the airport to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database;

Within a 6.5-mile radius (reduced from the previous 7.5-mile radius) of Belle Plaine Municipal Airport, Belle Plaine, IA, and correcting city designation from Belle Plane to Belle Plaine;

By removing the 11-mile extension south of Creston Municipal Airport, Creston, IA;

By removing the 7.4-mile extensions south and northwest of Estherville Municipal Airport, Estherville, IA;

Within a 6.5-mile radius (reduced from the previous 7.6-mile radius) of Grinnell Regional

Airport, Grinnell, IA, and updating the geographical coordinates of the airport to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database;

By adding an extension to the north from the 6.4-mile radius to 9.8 miles of Guthrie County Regional Airport, Guthrie Center, IA;

And within a 6.4-mile radius (reduced from the previous 7.3-mile radius) of Oelwein Municipal Airport, Oelwein, IA.

Airspace reconfiguration is necessary due to the decommissioning of NDBs, cancellation of NDB approaches, and implementation of RNAV procedures at the above airports. Controlled airspace is necessary for the safety and management of the standard instrument approach procedures for IFR operations at the airports.

Class E airspace designations are published in paragraph 6002 and 6005 of FAA Order 7400.11A, dated August 3, 2016, and effective September 15, 2016, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

Regulatory Notices and Analyses

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current, is non-controversial and unlikely to result in adverse or negative comments. 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, would

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 FAA final regulatory action.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me, 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 7400.11A, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 3, 2016, and effective September 15, 2016, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6002. Class E Airspace Designated as Surface Areas.

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ACE IA E2 Ankeny, IA [Amended]

Ankeny Regional Airport, IA
(lat.41°41'29"N., long. 93°33'59"W.)

Within a 4.2-mile radius of Ankeny Regional Airport, excluding that portion within the Des Moines Class C airspace area.

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Paragraph 6005. Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward from 700 feet or More Above the Surface of the Earth.

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ACE IA E5 Algona, IA [Amended]

Algona Municipal Airport, IA
(lat. 43°04'41"N., long. 94°16'19"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.4-mile radius of Algona Municipal Airport.

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ACE IA E5 Ankeny, IA [Amended]

Ankeny Regional Airport, IA
(lat. 41°41'29"N., long. 93°33'59"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.7-mile radius of Ankeny Regional Airport, excluding that portion within the Des Moines Class C airspace area.

ACE IA E5 Atlantic, IA [Amended]

Atlantic Municipal Airport, IA
(lat. 41°24'14"N., long. 95°02'56"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 7.2-mile radius of Atlantic Municipal Airport and within 1.8 miles each side of the 022° bearing from the airport extending from the 7.2-mile radius to 9.2 miles northeast of the airport.

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ACE IA E5 Belle Plaine, IA [Amended]

Belle Plaine Municipal Airport, IA
(lat. 41°52'44"N., long. 92°17'04"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.5-mile radius of Belle Plaine Municipal Airport, excluding that portion which overlies the Cedar Rapids, IA,

Class E airspace area.

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ACE IA E5 Creston, IA [Amended]

Creston Municipal Airport, IA
(lat. 41°01'17"N., long. 94°21'48"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.5-mile radius of Creston Municipal Airport.

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ACE IA E5 Estherville, IA [Amended]

Estherville Municipal Airport, IA
(lat. 43°24'27"N., long. 94°44'47"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.5-mile radius of Estherville Municipal Airport.

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ACE IA E5 Grinnell, IA [Amended]

Grinnell Regional Airport, IA
(lat. 41°42'36" N., long. 92°44'10" W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.5-mile radius of Grinnell Regional Airport.

ACE IA E5 Guthrie Center, IA [Amended]

Guthrie County Regional Airport, IA
(lat. 41°41'13"N., long. 93°26'06"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.4-mile radius of the Guthrie County Regional Airport, and within 2 miles each side of the 360° bearing from the airport extending from the 6.4-mile radius to 9.8 miles north of the airport.

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ACE IA E5 Oelwein, IA [Amended]

Oelwein Municipal Airport, IA
(lat. 42°40'51"N., long. 91°58'28"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.4-mile radius of Oelwein Municipal Airport.

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ATO Central Service Center.

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