



## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### **Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment on a Land Use Change from Aeronautical to Non-Aeronautical Use for 18.6 Acres of Airport Land for Solar Farm use at North Central Airport, Smithfield, RI**

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

**ACTION:** Request for Public Comments.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is being given that the FAA is considering a request from the Rhode Island Airport Corporation (RIAC), to change the current land use from aeronautical use to non-aeronautical use of two parcels of land comprising a total of 18.6 acres of land. The northeasterly parcel is approximately 10.2 acres and the northwesterly parcel is approximately 8.4 acres. The Airport Layout Plan was updated with a Pen and Ink change to designate the parcel for non-aeronautical use. The annual savings in electrical costs created by the solar farm will offset the fair market value of the land lease over the lease period.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before [*INSERT DATE WHICH IS 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER*].

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments using any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and follow the instructions on providing comments.
- Fax: 202-493-2251

- Mail: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W 12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590
- Hand Delivery: Deliver to mail address above between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Interested persons may inspect the request and supporting documents by contacting the FAA at the address listed under "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Jorge E. Panteli, Compliance and Land Use Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration New England Region Airports Division, 1200 District Avenue, Burlington, Massachusetts, 01803. Telephone: 781-238-7618.

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