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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2020-0008; Airspace Docket No. 19-ASO-10]

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Amendment of VOR Federal Airways V-7, V-52, and V-178 in the Vicinity of Central City, KY

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action amends three VHF Omnidirectional Range (VOR) Federal airways, V-7, V-52, and V-178, in the vicinity of Central City, KY. The modifications are necessary due to the planned decommissioning of the VOR portion of the Central City, KY, VOR/Tactical Air Navigation (VORTAC) navigation aid (NAVAID), which provides navigation guidance for portions of the affected airways. The Central City VOR is being decommissioned as part of the FAA's VOR Minimum Operational Network (MON) program.

DATES: Effective date 0901 UTC, July 16, 2020. The Director of the FEDERAL REGISTER approves this incorporation by reference action under Title 1 Code of Federal Regulations part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.11 and publication of conforming amendments.

ADDRESSES: FAA Order 7400.11D, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/.

For further information, you can contact the Rules and Regulations Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 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 7400.11D at NARA, email: fedreg.legal@nara.gov or go to <https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html>.

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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 the 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 modify the route structure as necessary to preserve the safe and efficient flow of air traffic within the National Airspace System.

History

The FAA published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) for Docket No. FAA-2020-0008 in the FEDERAL REGISTER (85 FR 3286; January 21, 2020), amending VOR Federal airways V-7, V-52, and V-178 in the vicinity of Central City, KY, due to the planned decommissioning of the VOR portion of the Central City, KY, VORTAC. Interested parties

were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal. No comments were received.

Subsequent to the NPRM, the FAA published a rule for Docket No. FAA-2019-0686 in the FEDERAL REGISTER (85 FR 10055; February 21, 2020), amending VOR Federal airway V-7 by re-describing the PETTY fix in the airway description as the intersection of the Chicago Heights, IL, VORTAC 358° and Badger, WI, VOR/Distance Measuring Equipment (VOR/DME) 117° radials and removing the airway segment between the intersection of the Chicago Heights, IL, VORTAC 358° and Badger, WI, VOR/DME 117° radials (PETTY fix) and the Green Bay, WI, VORTAC. Those airway amendments, effective May 21, 2020, are included in this rule.

VOR Federal airways are published in paragraph 6010(a) of FAA Order 7400.11D dated August 8, 2019, and effective September 15, 2019, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The VOR Federal airways listed in this document will be subsequently published in the Order.

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

Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference

This document amends FAA Order 7400.11D, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 8, 2019, and effective September 15, 2019. FAA Order 7400.11D is publicly available as listed in the ADDRESSES section of this document. FAA Order 7400.11D lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

Differences From the Proposal

The V-52 airway description information in “The Proposal” section of the NPRM contained an editorial error. The V-52 airway description information for the existing airway was correct as published, but the V-18 airway identification listed with the airway description

information was incorrect. The correct airway identification for the existing airway information that was listed is V-52. As such, the airway identification listed for the airway description information should reflect “V-52” instead of “V-18”. This editorial correction to the V-52 airway description information in “The Rule” section below is included in this action.

The Rule

The FAA is amending Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 by modifying VOR Federal airways V-7, V-52, and V-178. The planned decommissioning of the VOR portion of the Central City, KY, VORTAC NAVAID has made this action necessary. The VOR Federal airway changes are outlined below.

V-7: V-7 extends between the Dolphin, FL, VORTAC and the Muscle Shoals, AL, VORTAC; between the Central City, KY, VORTAC and the intersection of the Chicago Heights, IL, VORTAC 358° and Badger, WI, VOR/DME 117° radials; and between the Green Bay, WI, VORTAC and the Sawyer, MI, VOR/DME. The airspace below 2,000 feet mean sea level (MSL) outside the United States is excluded and the portion outside the United States has no upper limit. The airway segment overlying the Central City, KY, VORTAC between the Central City, KY, VORTAC and the Pocket City, IN, VORTAC is removed. The unaffected portions of the existing airway remain as charted.

V-52: V-52 extends between the Des Moines, IA, VORTAC and the Livingston, TN, VOR/DME. The airway segment overlying the Central City, KY, VORTAC between the Pocket City, IN, VORTAC and the Bowling Green, KY, VORTAC is removed. The unaffected portions of the existing airway remain as charted.

V-178: V-178 extends between the Hallsville, MO, VORTAC and the Bluefield, WV, VOR/DME. The airway segment overlying the Central City, KY, VORTAC between the

Cunningham, KY, VOR/DME and the New Hope, KY, VOR/DME is removed. The unaffected portions of the existing airway remain as charted.

All radials in the VOR Federal airway descriptions below are unchanged and stated in True degrees.

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 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

The FAA has determined that this action of modifying VOR Federal airways V-7, V-52, and V-178, due to the planned decommissioning of the VOR portion of the Central City, KY, VORTAC NAVAID, qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act and its implementing regulations at 40 CFR part 1500, and in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures, paragraph 5-6.5a, which categorically excludes from further environmental impact review rulemaking actions that designate or modify classes of airspace areas, airways, routes, and reporting points (see 14 CFR part 71, Designation of Class A, B, C, D, and E Airspace Areas; Air Traffic Service Routes; and

Reporting Points). As such, this action is not expected to result in any potentially significant environmental impacts. In accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, paragraph 5-2 regarding Extraordinary Circumstances, the FAA has reviewed this action for factors and circumstances in which a normally categorically excluded action may have a significant environmental impact requiring further analysis. The FAA has determined that no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment or environmental impact study.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

Adoption of the Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 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(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 7400.11D, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 8, 2019 and effective September 15, 2019, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6010(a) Domestic VOR Federal Airways.

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V-7 [Amended]

From Dolphin, FL; INT Dolphin 299° and Lee County, FL, 120° radials; Lee County; Lakeland, FL; Cross City, FL; Seminole, FL; Wiregrass, AL; INT Wiregrass 333° and Montgomery, AL, 129° radials; Montgomery; Vulcan, AL; to Muscle Shoals, AL. From Pocket City, IN; INT

Pocket City 016° and Terre Haute, IN, 191° radials; Terre Haute; Boiler, IN; Chicago Heights, IL; to INT Chicago Heights 358° and Badger, WI, 117° radials. From Green Bay, WI; Menominee, MI; to Sawyer, MI. The airspace below 2,000 feet MSL outside the United States is excluded. The portion outside the United States has no upper limit.

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V-52 [Amended]

From Des Moines, IA; Ottumwa, IA; Quincy, IL; St. Louis, MO; Troy, IL; INT Troy 099° and Pocket City, IN, 311° radials; to Pocket City. From Bowling Green, KY; to Livingston, TN.

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V-178 [Amended]

From Hallsville, MO; INT Hallsville 183° and Vichy, MO, 321° radials; Vichy; Farmington, MO; Cape Girardeau, MO; to Cunningham, KY. From New Hope, KY; Lexington, KY; to Bluefield, WV.

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