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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**14 CFR Part 71**

**[Docket No. FAA-2019-0473; Airspace Docket No. 19-AEA-1]**

**RIN 2120-AA66**

**Amendment of Air Traffic Service (ATS) Routes in the Vicinity of Ithaca, NY**

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This action amends VHF Omnidirectional Range (VOR) Federal airways V-423 and V-428, due to the planned decommissioning of the Ithaca, NY, VOR/DME navigation aid which provides navigation guidance for segments of the routes. The Ithaca VOR/DME is being decommissioned as part of the FAA's VOR Minimum Operational Network (MON) program.

**DATES:** Effective date 0901 UTC, September 10, 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/](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](mailto: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 modifies the route structure in the National Airspace System as necessary to preserve the safe and efficient flow of air traffic.

**History**

The FAA published a notice of proposed rulemaking in the FEDERAL REGISTER for Docket No. FAA-2019-0473 (84 FR 34072; July 17, 2019) amending VOR Federal airways V-423 and V-428 due to the planned decommissioning of the Ithaca, NY, VOR/DME. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal. No comments were received.

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.

### **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.

### **The Rule**

The FAA is amending Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 by amending VOR Federal airways V-423 and V-428 due to the planned decommissioning of the Ithaca, NY, VOR/DME. The changes are described below.

**V-423:** V-423 currently extends between the Williamsport, PA, VOR/DME, and the Syracuse, NY, VORTAC. The FAA is removing the route segments between the Binghamton, NY, VOR/DME and Syracuse, NY. As amended, V-423 extends between Williamsport, PA, and Binghamton, NY. As an alternative, airway V-29 could be used for flights between Binghamton and Syracuse.

**V-428:** V-428 currently extends between the Elmira, NY, VOR/DME and the Utica, NY, VORTAC. The FAA is removing the segments of V-428 between Elmira, NY, and the Georgetown, NY, VORTAC. As amended, V-428 extends between Georgetown, NY, and Utica, NY. Airways V-35 and V-14 provide alternative routing between Elmira and Georgetown.

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

### **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. 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 only affects air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, does 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 amending VOR Federal airways V-423, and V-428 near Ithaca, NY, 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).

**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-423 [Amended]**

From Williamsport, PA; to Binghamton, NY.

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**V-428 [Amended]**

From Georgetown, NY; to Utica, NY.

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