

States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among various levels of government. Therefore, it is determined that this direct final rule does not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132.

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 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 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 establishes Class E airspace at Mount Pleasant, SC.

#### Lists of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (Air).

#### Adoption of 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 CLASS 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 Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9T, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, signed August 27, 2009, effective September 15, 2009, 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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#### **ASO SC E5 Mount Pleasant, SC [New]**

Mt Pleasant Regional Airport-Faison Field, SC

(Lat. 32°53'52" N., long. 79°46'58" W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.3-mile radius of the Mt Pleasant Regional Airport-Faison Field.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Aviation Administration**

#### **14 CFR Part 71**

[Docket No. FAA–2009–0878; Airspace Docket No. 09–ASW–7]

RIN 2120–AA66

#### **Establishment of Low Altitude Area Navigation Route (T–284); Houston, TX**

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This action establishes a low altitude area navigation (RNAV) route, designated T–284, in the Houston, TX, terminal area, to expedite the handling of Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) overflight aircraft transitioning busy terminal airspace. The FAA is taking this action to enhance the safe and efficient use of the navigable airspace in the Houston, TX, terminal area. **DATES:** Effective date 0901 UTC, July 29, 2010. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under 1 CFR part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.9 and publication of conforming amendments.

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **History**

On Friday, November 13, 2009, the FAA published in the **Federal Register** a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to establish low altitude area navigation route T–284 (74 FR 58571). Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal. No comments were received.

The following editorial changes are corrected in this final rule. The airway identifier presented in the regulatory text of the NPRM was incorrectly listed as T–254 instead of T–284. Additionally, the points WEMAR and DROPP identified in the route description were incorrectly listed as WPs (waypoints) instead of fixes. With the exception of the editorial changes noted above, this amendment is the same as that proposed in the NPRM.

##### **The Rule**

This action amends Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 by establishing area navigation route T–284 between the WEMAR, TX, navigation fix and the Scholes, TX, VORTAC. The new route will enhance the flow of air traffic in the Houston, TX, terminal area.

Low altitude RNAV routes are published in paragraph 6011 of FAA Order 7400.9T signed August 27, 2009, and effective September 15, 2009, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The low altitude RNAV routes listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

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. Therefore, this regulation: (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.

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 establishes a low altitude RNAV route (T-route) in Houston, TX.

**Environmental Review**

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1E, Environmental Impacts: Polices and Procedures, paragraph 311a. This airspace action is not expected to cause any potentially significant environmental impacts, and no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment.

**List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71**

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

**Adoption of the Amendment**

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**PART 71—DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS**

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**§ 71.1 [Amended]**

■ 2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of FAA Order 7400.T, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, signed August 27, 2009 and effective September 15, 2009, is amended as follows:

*Paragraph 6011 United States Area Navigation Routes.*

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**T-284 WEMAR, TX to Scholes, TX [New]**

WEMAR, TX—Fix  
(Lat. 29°39'37" N., long. 97°00'37" W.)  
DROPP, TX—Fix  
(Lat. 29°13'38" N., long. 95°32'04" W.)  
Scholes, TX (VUH)—VORTAC  
(Lat. 29°16'10" N., long. 94°52'04" W.)

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**18 CFR Part 284**

[Docket Nos. RM96-1-030 and RM96-1-036; Order No. 587-U]

**Standards for Business Practices for Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines**

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Final Rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is

amending its regulations that establish standards for interstate natural gas pipeline business practices and electronic communications to incorporate by reference into its regulations the most recent version of the standards, Version 1.9, adopted by the Wholesale Gas Quadrant (WGQ) of the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) applicable to natural gas pipelines, with certain enumerated exceptions. This rule upgrades the Commission's current business practice and communication standards to include standards governing Index-Based Capacity Release and Flexible Delivery and Receipt Points and to reflect the Commission's findings in Order Nos. 698, 712, 717, and 682. This rule will increase the efficiency of the pipeline grid and make pipelines' electronic communications more secure.

**DATES: Effective Date:** This rule will become effective May 3, 2010. Natural gas pipelines are required to file tariff sheets to reflect the changed standards on September 1, 2010, to take effect on November 1, 2010. Implementation of these standards is required on and after November 1, 2010. The incorporation by reference of certain publications in this rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of May 3, 2010.

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