

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****Notice of Meeting of the National Parks Overflights Advisory Group Aviation Rulemaking Committee**

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the National Park Service (NPS), in accordance with the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000, announce the next meeting of the National Parks Overflights Advisory Group (NPOAG) Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC). This notification provides the dates, location, and agenda for the meeting.

*Dates and Location:* The NPOAG ARC will meet on March 9–10, 2011. The meeting will take place in Salon #5 at the Rosen Centre Hotel, 9840 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819. The phone number is (888) 800–2174. The meetings will be held from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on March 9–10, 2011. This NPOAG meeting will be open to the public.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

The National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000 (NPATMA), enacted on April 5, 2000, as Public Law 106–181, required the establishment of the NPOAG within one year after its enactment. The Act requires that the NPOAG be a balanced group of representatives of general aviation, commercial air tour operations, environmental concerns, and Native American tribes. The Administrator of the FAA and the Director of NPS (or their designees) serve as ex officio members of the group. Representatives of the Administrator and Director serve alternating 1-year terms as chairman of the advisory group.

The duties of the NPOAG include providing advice, information, and recommendations to the FAA Administrator and the NPS Director on: Implementation of Public Law 106–181; quiet aircraft technology; other

measures that might accommodate interests to visitors of national parks; and at the request of the Administrator and the Director, on safety, environmental, and other issues related to commercial air tour operations over national parks or tribal lands.

**Agenda for the March 9–10, 2011 NPOAG Meeting**

The agenda for the meeting will include, but is not limited to, an update on ongoing Air Tour Management Program projects; an update on the safety assessments process; a discussion of roles and responsibilities; a discussion of the competitive bidding process, and a review of quiet technology incentives.

**Attendance at the Meetings and Submission of Written Comments**

Although these are not public meetings, interested persons may attend. Because seating is limited, if you plan to attend please contact one of the persons listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** so that meeting space may be made to accommodate all attendees. Written comments regarding the meeting will be accepted directly from attendees or may be sent to the persons listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**Record of the Meetings**

If you cannot attend the NPOAG meeting, a summary record of the meeting will be made available under the NPOAG section of the FAA ATMP Web site at: [http://www.faa.gov/about/office\\_org/headquarters\\_offices/arc/programs/air\\_tour\\_management\\_plan/parks\\_overflights\\_group/minutes.cfm](http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/arc/programs/air_tour_management_plan/parks_overflights_group/minutes.cfm) or through the Special Programs Staff, Western-Pacific Region, P.O. Box 92007, Los Angeles, CA 90009–2007, telephone: (310) 725–3808.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Railroad Administration**

**[Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA–2010–0145]**

**Union Pacific Railroad Company; Notice of Public Hearing and Extension of Public Comment Period**

On October 22, 2010, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)

published a notice in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 65399) announcing the Union Pacific Railroad Company's (UP) request for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 232, *Brake System Safety Standards*. Specifically, UP has petitioned FRA for a determination that the engineering principles used in its design of its Continuous Speed Control Yard located at Roseville, California, are a sufficient primary retarder to prevent equipment rollouts and act as an acceptable form of alternate securement under 49 CFR 232.103(n)(1) (*Securement of unattended equipment*).

FRA has determined upon investigation that the facts of this proceeding warrant a public hearing. Accordingly, a hearing is hereby scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. on March 17, 2011, at the Hilton Garden Inn Roseville, 1951 Taylor Road, Roseville, California, USA 95661. Interested parties are invited to present oral statements at this hearing. For information on facilities or services for persons with disabilities or to request special assistance at the hearing, contact FRA's Docket Clerk, Michelle Silva, by telephone, e-mail, or in writing, at least five business days before the date of the hearing. Ms. Silva's contact information is as follows: FRA, Office of Chief Counsel, Mail Stop 10, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590; telephone 202–493–6030; e-mail [michelle.silva@dot.gov](mailto:michelle.silva@dot.gov).

The informal hearing will be conducted by a representative designated by FRA in accordance with FRA's Rules of Practice (*see* particularly 49 CFR 211.25). FRA's representative will make an opening statement outlining the scope of the hearing, as well as any additional procedures for the conduct of the hearing. The hearing will be a non-adversarial proceeding in which all interested parties will be given the opportunity to express their views regarding the waiver petition without cross-examination. After all initial statements have been completed, those individuals wishing to make brief rebuttal statements will be given an opportunity to do so.

In addition, FRA is hereby extending the comment period to April 17, 2011. All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA–2010–0145) and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 202–493–2251.