

advising those officials in that capacity.

(c) The Chief Counsel, the Assistant Chief Counsel for Litigation, or an attorney on the staff of the Assistant Chief Counsel for Litigation advises the Associate Administrator regarding an initial decision, an appeal, or a final decision regarding any case brought under this part.

### Subpart B—General Rules Applicable to Complaints, Proceedings Initiated by the FAA, and Appeals

#### § 16.11 Expedition and other modification of process.

(a) Under the authority of 49 U.S.C. 40113 and 47121, the Director may conduct investigations, issue orders, and take such other actions as are necessary to fulfill the purposes of this part, including the extension of any time period prescribed where necessary or appropriate for a fair and complete hearing of matters before the agency.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this part, upon finding that circumstances require expedited handling of a particular case or controversy, the Director may issue an order directing any of the following prior to the issuance of the Director's determination:

(1) Shortening the time period for any action under this part consistent with due process;

(2) If other adequate opportunity to respond to pleadings is available, eliminating the reply, rebuttal, or other actions prescribed by this part;

(3) Designating alternative methods of service; or

(4) Directing such other measures as may be required.

#### § 16.13 Filing of documents.

Except as otherwise provided in this part, documents shall be filed with the FAA during a proceeding under this part as follows:

(a) *Filing address.* Documents to be filed with the FAA shall be filed with the Office of the Chief Counsel, Attention: FAA Part 16 Airport Proceedings Docket, AGC-610, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC, 20591. Documents

to be filed with a hearing officer shall be filed at the address stated in the hearing order.

(b) *Date and method of filing.* Filing of any document shall be by personal delivery or mail as defined in this part, or by facsimile (when confirmed by filing on the same date by one of the foregoing methods). Unless the date is shown to be inaccurate, documents to be filed with the FAA shall be deemed to be filed on the date of personal delivery, on the mailing date shown on the certificate of service, on the date shown on the postmark if there is no certificate of service, on the send date shown on the facsimile (provided filing has been confirmed through one of the foregoing methods), or on the mailing date shown by other evidence if there is no certificate of service and no postmark.

(c) *Number of copies.* Unless otherwise specified, an executed original and three copies of each document shall be filed with the FAA Part 16 Airport Proceedings Docket. Copies need not be signed, but the name of the person signing the original shall be shown. If a hearing order has been issued in the case, one of the three copies shall be filed with the hearing officer. If filing by facsimile, the facsimile copy does not constitute one of the copies required under this section.

(d) *Form.* Documents filed with the FAA shall be typewritten or legibly printed. In the case of docketed proceedings, the document shall include the docket number of the proceeding on the front page.

(e) *Signing of documents and other papers.* The original of every document filed shall be signed by the person filing it or the person's duly authorized representative. The signature shall serve as a certification that the signer has read the document and, based on reasonable inquiry and to the best of the signer's knowledge, information, and belief, the document is—

(1) Consistent with this part;

(2) Warranted by existing law or that a good faith argument exists for extension, modification, or reversal of existing law; and

(3) Not interposed for any improper purpose, such as to harass or to cause unnecessary delay or needless increase