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Decided: October 8, 2009.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell,
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Kulunie L. Cannon,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Order Limiting Scheduled Operations at John F. Kennedy International

AGENCY: Federal Aviation
Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of temporary waiver of
the minimum usage requirement.

SUMMARY: This action announces a
temporary waiver of the usage
requirements necessary to hold
Operating Authorizations at John F.
Kennedy International Airport (JFK).
This policy is effective from March 1
through November 14, 2010.

DATES: *Effective Date:* March 1, 2010.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Beginning in March 2010, there will
be runway and airfield construction at
JFK that will temporarily affect
operations at the airport. Runway 13R/
31L is the airport's most frequently used
and longest runway. The Port Authority
of New York and New Jersey (Port
Authority) indicates the runway
historically accommodates a significant
percentage of the annual air traffic
operations at JFK, particularly
departures. The Port Authority plans to
resurface the runway with concrete and
widen it to accommodate new large
aircraft and to help prevent ice
ingestion. In addition, the Port
Authority will install new runway
lighting, electrical infrastructure, and a
new electrical feeder system to the
runway. The Port Authority opted for a
more extensive rehabilitation project to
provide for a 40-year design life by
surfacing with concrete instead of an 8-
year design life with asphalt; however,
the project will render Runway 13R/31L

unavailable from March 1 until June 30,
2010. The western two-thirds of the
runway will reopen July 1, but its use
will be limited under some weather and
operating conditions, primarily because
some high-speed runway turnoffs and
navigational aids (NAVAIDS) will be
unavailable until later in the
construction period. On September 15,
Runway 4L/22R will close until
September 30 to resurface its
intersection with Runway 13R/31L. The
entire Runway 13R/31L and its
associated NAVAIDS will be fully
functional on November 15, 2010.

The FAA, the Port Authority, JFK
operators, and other stakeholders have
been meeting regularly to identify ways
to mitigate congestion and delay in light
of the runway and airfield construction.
Surface management of aircraft requires
further study, as some runway
configurations may increase ground
congestion, but we will continue to
work to maximize the available
infrastructure. In addition, we have
identified preferred alternative runway
configurations.

The FAA worked with MITRE's
Center for Advanced Aviation System
Development (CAASD) to estimate the
capacity and potential delay impacts of
the loss of Runway 13R/31L. MITRE
CAASD and the FAA looked at historic
runway configurations and operating
conditions and the likely runway
configurations that would substitute for
Runway 13R/31L. Modeling compared
the March, April, May, and June 2009
flight schedules by month against
historic capacity and then against
projected capacity in the same months
for 2010, when Runway 13R/31L is
closed. In each month, delays would
increase over the corresponding month
in 2009. The modeled peak afternoon
and evening departure delays would
increase significantly with the April-
June schedules, adding about an average
of ten minutes per aircraft. The modeled
peak delays using March 2009
schedules and the construction capacity
would remain within the levels
accepted for the 2008 scheduling limits.

The FAA initiated discussions with
the largest carriers at the airport, and
they have agreed to keep their schedules
at March 2009 levels from March 1 until
at least July 1. In addition, those carriers
and others have expressed concern
about the operations for the remaining
months of the construction and have
agreed to cancel some flights even after
Runway 13R/31L returns to partial
service after June 30. This will assist in
mitigating delays throughout the
construction period.

Under the FAA's order limiting
scheduled operations at JFK, Operating

Authorizations must be used at least 80
percent of the time they are allocated or
they will be withdrawn. Historic
precedence is given for the next
scheduling season only for Operating
Authorizations that meet the minimum
usage threshold for the corresponding
period during the prior scheduling
season. The FAA may grant a waiver
from the minimum usage requirements
in highly unusual and unpredictable
conditions that are beyond the control
of the carrier and affect carrier
operations for a period of five
consecutive days or more.

Statement of Policy

The FAA has determined that the
projected operational, congestion, and
delay impacts of the 2010 runway and
airfield construction program meet the
requirements for a temporary waiver of
the minimum usage rule at JFK. Absent
a waiver, carriers would be required to
operate flights in order to meet the
minimum usage rules or to find another
carrier to operate them. With the
capacity impacts during the
construction, the public interest
supports a reduction in operations in
order to minimize delays and improve
on-time performance. Under the
circumstances, carriers that temporarily
reduce flights or elect to temporarily
return Operating Authorizations to the
FAA rather than transfer them for
another carrier's use should not be
penalized by permanently losing the
authority to operate. The FAA
appreciates that some carriers have
already agreed voluntarily to postpone
traditional summer flight increases. In
light of this minimum usage waiver, we
expect that other carriers may also
temporarily limit their summer 2010
operations.

This minimum usage waiver applies
only to Operating Authorizations at JFK.
Carriers generally must provide advance
notice of cancellations to the FAA Slot
Administration Office in order to obtain
a waiver. However, there may be times
when delays are excessive and carriers
elect to cancel flights shortly before
their scheduled operation. The
operational cancellation of a scheduled
flight under these circumstances may
still qualify for a usage waiver, provided
that it is reported as a delay-related
cancellation on the usage report
submitted to the FAA by the carrier.
Information on the use of Operating
Authorizations should be provided to
the Slot Administration Office by e-mail
at 7-awa-slotadmin@faa.gov or by
facsimile at (202) 267-7277.

In consideration of the above, the
FAA is waiving the minimum usage
requirement for Operating

Authorizations at JFK from March 1 through November 14, 2010.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 6, 2009.

J. David Grizzle,
Chief Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Departmental Offices; Debt Management Advisory Committee Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App. 2, § 10(a)(2), that a meeting will be held at the Hay-Adams Hotel, 16th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, on November 3, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. of the following debt management advisory committee:

Treasury Borrowing Advisory Committee of The Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association.

The agenda for the meeting provides for a charge by the Secretary of the Treasury or his designate that the Committee discuss particular issues and conduct a working session. Following the working session, the Committee will present a written report of its recommendations. The meeting will be closed to the public, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App. 2, § 10(d) and Public Law 103-202, § 202(c)(1)(B) (31 U.S.C. 3121 note).

This notice shall constitute my determination, pursuant to the authority placed in heads of agencies by 5 U.S.C. App. 2, § 10(d) and vested in me by Treasury Department Order No. 101-05, that the meeting will consist of discussions and debates of the issues presented to the Committee by the Secretary of the Treasury and the making of recommendations of the Committee to the Secretary, pursuant to Public Law 103-202, § 202(c)(1)(B). Thus, this information is exempt from disclosure under that provision and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3)(B). In addition, the meeting is concerned with information that is exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(A). The public interest requires that such meetings be closed to the public because the Treasury Department requires frank and full advice from representatives of the financial community prior to making its final decisions on major financing operations. Historically, this advice has been offered by debt management advisory committees established by the several major segments of the financial community. When so utilized, such a committee is recognized to be an

advisory committee under 5 U.S.C. App. 2, § 3.

Although the Treasury's final announcement of financing plans may not reflect the recommendations provided in reports of the committee, premature disclosure of the Committee's deliberations and reports would be likely to lead to significant financial speculation in the securities market. Thus, this meeting falls within the exemption covered by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(A).

Treasury staff will provide a technical briefing to the press on the day before the Committee meeting, following the release of a statement of economic conditions, financing estimates and technical charts. This briefing will give the press an opportunity to ask questions about financing projections and technical charts. The day after the Committee meeting, Treasury will release the minutes of the meeting, any charts that were discussed at the meeting, and the Committee's report to the Secretary.

The Office of Debt Management is responsible for maintaining records of debt management advisory committee meetings and for providing annual reports setting forth a summary of Committee activities and such other matters as may be informative to the public consistent with the policy of 5 U.S.C. 552(b). The Designated Federal Officer or other responsible agency official who may be contacted for additional information is Karthik Ramanathan, Acting Assistant Secretary for Financial Markets (202) 622-2042.

Dated: October 5, 2009.

Karthik Ramanathan,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Financial Markets.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900—New (Call Center)]

Agency Information Collection (Call Center Satisfaction Survey) Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-21), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the

collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 13, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through <http://www.Regulations.gov>; or to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900—New (Call Center)" in any correspondence.

For Further Information or a Copy of the Submission Contact: Denise McLamb, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461-7485, FAX (202) 273-0443 or e-mail: denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900—New (Call Center)."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: VBA Call Center Satisfaction Survey.

OMB Control Number: 2900—New (Call Center).

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: VBA maintains a commitment to improve the overall quality of service for Veterans. Feedback from Veterans regarding their recent experience to the VA call centers will provide VBA with three key benefits to: (1) Identify what is most important to Veterans; (2) determine what to do to improve the call center experience; and (3) serve to guide training and/or operational activities aimed at enhancing the quality of service provided to Veterans and active duty personnel.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on July 31, 2009, at pages 38262-38263.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 675 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,700.

Dated: October 8, 2009.