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ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

Adoption for: Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS);
 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS);
 Other: Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance (WAC 197-11-350)

Local File Number: 16-109244 LDA **Project File Name:** Paine Field Passenger Terminal

Applicant: Propeller Airports Paine Field

Location of Proposal: 3300 – 100th Street SW, Everett, Washington; located at the Paine Field Airport

Tax Account Number: 280415-004-001-00

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:

The proposal would construct a new terminal between the existing terminal building and the control tower. The proposed terminal building would total approximately 29,300 square feet of interior space in compliance with FAA Advisory Circular 150/5360-13 Planning and Design Guidelines for Airport Terminal Facilities. The main components of the building would include the entrance and check-in, Transportation Security Administration (TSA) security screening, passenger waiting, and boarding area.

Existing parking areas described in the leasehold will be reconfigured into new parking facility areas to support the proposed new passenger terminal. This would include four surface lots totaling approximately 600 parking stalls of automobile parking for airline passengers, waiting, rental cars and terminal employees. One parking area would be configured northeast of the proposed terminal on land currently used by the Airport as an aircraft parking apron area and adjacent grass. The foregoing is cumulatively referred to as the "Proposal".

Construction of a passenger terminal building will have the related effect of enabling passenger commercial air service by regional and narrow body aircraft at Paine Field subject to the independent authority of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Accordingly, for purposes of evaluating the environmental impacts of the Proposal under SEPA, the lead agency anticipates the Proposal at an estimated terminal capacity which has the potential to serve between six to eight turns per gate/per day (generating an estimated 12 to 16 flight operations per gate/per day). This equates to a corresponding passenger activity of 2,700 to 3,600 per day (inclusive of arrivals and departures). At such time as the terminal reaches estimated capacity, the Proposal is anticipated to result in 433-510 directional vehicle trips per day (total traffic generation estimated at 866 to 1,020 daily vehicle trips), based on an estimated capacity of six to eight turns per gate/per day (generating an estimated 12 to 16 flight operations per gate/per day).

Title of Document Being Adopted: Final NEPA Environmental Assessment for the Amendment of Operations Specifications for Air Carrier Operations, Amendment of a FAR Part 139 Certificate, and potential Funding for Modification and Modular Expansion of the Terminal at the Snohomish County

Airport/Paine Field dated September 2012, together with all referenced tables, illustrations and appendices (hereinafter “Paine Field Final NEPA Environmental Assessment”).

Agency that Prepared Document Being Adopted: U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, Northwest Mountain Region, pursuant to that Finding of No Significant Impact and Record of Decision for the Amendment to the Operations Specifications for Air Carrier Operations, Amendment of a FAR Part 139 Certificate, and Modification of the Terminal Building at the Snohomish County Airport/Paine Field, dated December 4, 2012.

Date Adopted Document was Prepared: September 2012

Description of Document Being Adopted: Entirety of that Paine Field Final NEPA Environmental Assessment identified above relating to the following actions: (1) Amendments to the operations specifications for Horizon Air and Allegiant Air to allow scheduled commercial air service to the Snohomish County Airport/Paine Field; (2) Amending the existing Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 139 operating certificate for Paine Field from a Class IV operating certificate to a Class I operating certificate to allow Paine Field to serve scheduled commercial air service operations by large aircraft; and (3) approval of Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funding for the construction of modular terminal building sufficient to accommodate the proposed passenger service consisting of two gates.

Has Adopted Document been Challenged: Yes, appeal challenging adequacy of the Paine Field Final NEPA Environmental Assessment was filed under United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, Case No. 13-70385. By opinion filed March 4, 2016, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals denied petition for review and affirmed adequacy of the Paine Field Final NEPA Environmental Assessment.

The Document Being Adopted is Available to be Read at: The Paine Field Final NEPA Environmental Assessment is available online at: <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/35391>
The Paine Field Final NEPA Environmental Assessment may also be reviewed in person at the Snohomish County Department of Planning and Development Services, County Administration Building East, 2nd Floor, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, Washington, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Adoption of Document: In accordance with WAC 197-11-610(1), Snohomish County Department of Planning and Development Services, as lead agency for review of the above described proposal under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), Ch. 43.21C RCW, have identified the Paine Field Final NEPA Environmental Assessment identified above as being appropriate for this proposal after independent review. The Final NEPA Environmental Assessment meets our environmental review needs for the current proposal as to those elements of the environment identified in the accompanying SEPA mitigated determination of non-significance (MDNS), and the same is hereby adopted to support the MDNS determination.

Name of Agency Adopting Document: Snohomish County Department of Planning and Development Services

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