April 23, 2015

Re: Voluntary User Program for Runway 1 OR/28L at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport

Dear Aircraft Operators:

I am writing to you about, and request your continued participation in, the voluntary user program involving the nighttime use of the reconstructed south parallel runway at the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (Airport). I had previously contacted you last year prior to the opening of the runway in September 2014, about this program. Since that time, we have been working with the communities surrounding the Airport regarding the operations on the runway while analyzing the use needs for Runway 1 OR-28L. Our collaborative efforts have resulted in an opportunity to adjust the operational conditions for the runway, and I am asking for your assistance.

This voluntary user program will facilitate Broward County’s compliance with the Airport Noise Abatement Program, and the Interlocal Agreement executed between Broward County (County), and the City of Dania Beach (City) on November 25, 2013. In correspondence dated May 7, 2012, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) accepted the County’s proposal to “reach agreement with the users concerning a voluntary nighttime limitation of the use of the new runway.”

In furtherance of this goal, your voluntary cooperation with the following nighttime procedures for use of the south parallel runway is requested:

1. From 2230-0600 local, all aircraft are strongly encouraged to refrain from use of Runway 1 OR/28L unless:
   a. When necessitated by considerations of weather, air traffic safety, or efficiency, as determined by pilots or the Air Traffic Control Tower; or
   b. During construction or maintenance work on the airfield or Runway 1 OL/28R, or closure of Runway 1 OL/28R for any other reason; or
   c. During the existence of an emergency or safety condition, as declared by the pilot, the Air Traffic Control Tower, or the Airport Aviation Director.

2. These procedures are to be implemented in a manner consistent with safety and operational criteria set forth in FAA Order 8400.9.

3. These procedures are not intended to preempt the responsibilities of the pilot-in-command for safe aircraft operation or to conflict with FAA instructions, regulations, or procedures.
4. Voluntary compliance with these procedures is requested until a new Part 150 noise study (New Part 150 Study) for the Airport is completed by the County, and the FAA has made a determination based on the study. It is stipulated that the New Part 150 Study will commence eighteen (18) months following the opening of Runway 10R/28L, which took place in September 2014.

We appreciate your willingness to participate in this voluntary user program, as outlined above. Please assist in maximizing distribution of this letter by disseminating it to flight and dispatch crews within your organization.

The County appreciates your long-standing and continuing support of the Airport Noise Abatement Program.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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