

We intend to test the full process model in a Federal processing center. The location for this test will be: Social Security Administration, Western Program Service Center, 2121 Nevin Avenue, Richmond, California, 94802.

We may add other Federal sites later. If we add other Federal sites, we will publish another notice in the **Federal Register** identifying the added sites. The test in Richmond will involve claims by individuals who wish to file by telephone. These cases will be referred to the Richmond processing center by teleservice centers that service residents of Arizona.

This test will combine the four process modifications mentioned above, plus two features designed to maximize the resources of a Federal processing center: having a two-person team complete the application interview by telephone; and effectuating, in the processing center, the payment of benefits to claimants who are found disabled. We will begin selecting cases for processing in this test on or about April 28, 1997, will continue to select cases for approximately one year, and may continue to have cases processed for an additional six months. In addition, we may choose to extend the test to obtain additional data. We will publish another notice in the **Federal Register** if we extend the duration of the test. The adjudication officers under this model will process cases as they are doing in those States in which that feature is being tested separately. (Refer to 20 CFR §§ 404.943 and 416.1443.) The single decisionmaker will process cases as single decisionmakers are doing in those States in which that feature is being tested separately (see 20 CFR §§ 404.906(b)(2) and 416.1406(b)(2)), except that the single decisionmaker in this model also will assist in the claims interview and will offer a predecisional interview to a claimant for whom a fully favorable determination cannot be made based on the initial information obtained. If a claimant is dissatisfied with the initial determination, he or she may appeal directly to an administrative law judge. The adjudication officer will be the claimant's primary point of contact before a hearing is held with an administrative law judge. Claims authorizers will participate in the telephone claims interview and will effectuate payment to claimants who are found disabled.

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Carolyn W. Colvin,

Deputy Commissioner for Programs and Policy.

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Testing Modifications to the Disability Determination Procedures; Disability Determination Services Full Process Model

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.

ACTION: Notice of the additional test sites and the duration of tests involving modifications to the disability determination procedures.

SUMMARY: The Social Security Administration (SSA) is announcing the locations and the duration of additional tests that it will conduct under the current rules at §§ 404.906, 404.943, 416.1406, and 416.1443. Those rules authorize the testing of several modifications to the disability determination procedures that we normally follow in adjudicating claims for disability insurance benefits under title II of the Social Security Act (the Act) and claims for supplemental security income (SSI) payments based on disability under title XVI of the Act. This notice announces the test sites and duration of tests involving a combination of features of the proposed redesigned disability process.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Harry Pippin, Disability Models Team Leader, Office of Disability, Disability Process Redesign Staff, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235, 410-965-9203.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Current regulations at §§ 404.906, 404.943, 416.1406, and 416.1443 authorize us to test different modifications to the disability determination procedures. The tests are designed to provide us with information so that we can determine the effectiveness of the models in improving the disability process. On or about April 7, 1997, we will begin tests of a full process model that combines four features of the proposed redesigned disability process. These features are: The use of a single decisionmaker who may make the disability determination without requiring the signature of a medical consultant; the conducting of a predecisional interview in which a claimant, for whom SSA does not have sufficient information to make a fully favorable determination or the evidence requires an initial determination denying the claim, can present additional information to the decisionmaker; the elimination of the reconsideration step in the administrative review process; and the use of an adjudication officer who will conduct prehearing procedures and, if appropriate, issue a decision wholly favorable to the claimant. We plan to

test this model in eight States. We will select cases for evaluation of these tests for approximately nine months, and may continue to have cases processed for another six months. In addition, we may choose to extend the test to obtain additional data. We will publish another notice in the **Federal Register** if we extend the duration of the test. For the purpose of these tests, the single decisionmaker will be an employee of the State agency that makes disability determinations for us, while the adjudication officer will be either a State employee or a Federal employee. The sites selected represent a mix of geographic areas, case loads, and both Federal and State employees. The adjudication officer under this model will process cases as adjudication officers are doing in those States in which that feature is being tested separately. (Refer to **Federal Register**, February 1, 1996 (61 FR 3757).) The single decisionmaker will process cases as single decisionmakers are doing in those States in which that feature is being tested separately (see **Federal Register**, May 3, 1996 (61 FR 19969)), except that the single decisionmaker in this combined model will offer a predecisional interview to a claimant for whom a fully favorable determination cannot be made based on the initial information obtained. If a claimant is dissatisfied with the initial determination, he or she may appeal directly to an administrative law judge. The adjudication officer will be the claimant's primary point of contact before a hearing is held with an administrative law judge. Tests of the model will be held at the following locations: *COM007*

- Disability Determination Services, Division of Rehabilitation Services, Department of Social Services, 10065 Harvard Avenue, Denver, CO 80231-5941;
- Disability Adjudication Section, Division of Rehabilitation, Clark Harrison Building, 330 W. Ponce De Leon Avenue, Decatur, GA 30030;
- Office of Disability Determinations, New York State Department of Social Services, 99 Washington Avenue, Room 1239, Albany, NY 12260;
- Office of Disability Determinations, New York State Department of Social Services, 300 Cadman Plaza West, 13th Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201-2701;
- Office of Disability Determinations, New York State Department of Social Services, Ellicott Square Building, Room 664, 295 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14203-2412;
- Bureau of Disability Determination, Office for Collections and Compensation, Room 220—Central

Operations, 1171 South Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104-2594;

- Disability Determination Division, South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department, 1709 Mobile Avenue, West Columbia, SC 29170;
- Disability Determination Section, Division of Rehabilitation Services, Department of Human Services, Citizens Plaza Building, 400 Deaderick Street, Nashville, TN 37248-1000;
- Disability Determination Services for SSA, Office of Rehabilitation, Utah State Office of Education, 555 E. 300 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84102; and
- Disability Determination Bureau, Division of Health, Department of Health and Family Services, 722 Williamson Street, Madison, WI 53703.

All cases processed under the full process model in the State of Pennsylvania will be adjudicated at the initial level by single decisionmakers at the Harrisburg site mentioned above. However, appeals of these cases will be processed by adjudication officers at one of two locations. One location is the Harrisburg site. The other site is:

- Bureau of Disability Determination, Office for Collections and Compensation, 264 Highland Park Boulevard, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

Not all cases received in the test sites listed above will be handled under the test procedures. However, if a claim is selected to be handled as part of the test, the claim will be processed under the procedures established under the final rules cited above.

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Carolyn W. Colvin,

Deputy Commissioner for Programs and Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[Docket 37554]

Notice of Order Adjusting the Standard Foreign Fare Level Index

Section 41509(e) of Title 49 of the United States Code requires that the Department, as successor to the Civil Aeronautics Board, establish a Standard Foreign Fare Level (SFFL) by adjusting the SFFL base periodically by percentage changes in actual operating costs per available seat-mile (ASM). Order 80-2-69 established the first interim SFFL, and Order 97-02-06 established the currently effective two-month SFFL applicable through March 31, 1997.

In establishing the SFFL for the two-month period beginning April 1, 1997,

we have projected non-fuel costs based on the year ended December 31, 1996 data, and have determined fuel prices on the basis of the latest available experienced monthly fuel cost levels as reported to the Department.

By Order 97-3-45 fares may be increased by the following adjustment factors over the October 1979 level:

Atlantic—1.4871
Latin America—1.4755
Pacific—1.6093

For further information contact: Keith A. Shangraw (202) 366-2439.

By the Department of Transportation.

Date: March 31, 1997.

Charles A. Hunnicutt,

Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs.

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Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent To Rule on Application To Impose the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Bradley International Airport, Windsor Locks, CT

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to rule on application.

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose the revenue from a Passenger Facility Charge at Bradley International Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L. 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 5, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Federal Aviation Administration, Airport Division, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, Massachusetts 01803.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Robert Juliano, A.A.E., Bureau Chief, Connecticut Department of Transportation, Bureau of Aviation and Ports at the following address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike, P.O. Box 317546, Newington, CT. 06131-7546.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided the State of

Connecticut under § 158.23 of part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Priscilla A. Scott, PFC Program Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Airports Division, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, Massachusetts 01803, (617) 238-7614. The application may be reviewed in person at 16 New England Executive Park, Burlington, Massachusetts.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose the revenue from a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Bradley International Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L. 101-508) and part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158).

On March 12, 1997, the FAA determined that the application to impose the revenue from a PFC submitted by the State of Connecticut was substantially complete within the requirements of § 158.25 part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than June 30, 1997.

The following is a brief overview of the impose application.

PFC Project #: 97-06-I-00-BDL.

Level of the proposed PFC: \$3.00.

Proposed Charge effective date: September 1, 1997.

Estimated charge expiration date: April 1, 1999.

Estimated total net PFC revenue: \$12,602,000

Brief description of projects:

Construction of New Fire Station
Construction of Glycol Collection Facility

Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFCs: On demand Air Taxi/Commercial Operators (ATCO).

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the Connecticut Department of Transportation Building, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, Connecticut 06131-7546.