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Tri-Cities Airport Authority

Tri-Cities Airport

**Proposed Amendment to Existing Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Application
15-06-C-01-TRI**

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Tri-Cities Airport Authority (the Authority) has determined the need to submit an amendment to the PFC Application No. 15-06-C-01 TRI (the Application) to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for increased funding authority for the Authority's imposition and use of a passenger facility charge (PFC) at Tri-Cities Airport (the Airport). Accordingly, the Authority has issued this notice as part of the amendment process under 14 CFR § 158.37 (b) and is providing you with the following information.

Original Application (PFC No. 15-06-C-00-TRI)

On December 3, 2014, the FAA issued a Final Agency Decision (FAD) approving the Authority's application to impose and use PFC revenue to fund eight (8) projects at the Airport. The FAA approved collection and use of PFC revenue at a \$4.50 PFC collection level in the amount of \$1,866,027.

The First Amendment to the Application (PFC No. 15-06-C-01-TRI)

On February 3, 2016, the FAA issued a FAD for Amendment No. 1 which approved an increase to the PFC collection authority of \$250,420, from \$1,866,027 to \$2,116,447 for cost increases associated with the Baggage Claim Replacement System. The collection level was maintained at \$4.50 and the cost increases revised the expiration date from February 1, 2017 to July 1, 2017.

The Second Amendment to the Application (PFC No. 15-06-C-02-TRI)

The second amendment to the Application will amend the cost of the Passenger Loading Bridge – Gate 6 project. This project installed a new passenger loading bridge at Gate 6 to provide carriers a safer more efficient means of transferring passengers from larger aircraft to the terminal. The scope included the installation of a new passenger loading bridge equipped with a preconditioned (PC) air unit and ground power unit (GPU); architectural improvements to the entrance points in the Gate 6 area necessary to accommodate the new passenger loading bridge; electrical analysis and design to provide power to the loading bridge and associated accessories; structural design of the loading bridge foundation and minor improvements to the concourse; and Path planning assistance to model aircraft parking positions and passenger loading bridge placement to ensure proper selection and placement. The project is currently approved for PFC expenditures of \$950,000.

This amendment seeks an increase of \$332,233 to a new project total of \$1,282,233. Accordingly, approval of this amendment will increase the Authority's total PFC collection authority under this Application by \$332,233 to a new total impose and use authority of \$2,448,680.

Amendment Justification

The engineer's estimate, used for the PFC submission, was provided before the project was advertised. The two base bids submitted on December 9, 2015 by JBT and ThyssenKrupp were \$1,090,083, and 1,198,179 respectively. The Authority's engineer determined that both bids were responsive and the higher bid prices were attributed to market demand and awarded JBT the project. Engineering, construction management, and administrative fees totaling \$192,150 were included with the based bid to provide a project total of \$1,282,233.

The amended Application will include the following characteristics:

- **PFC Level:** A four dollar and fifty cents charge (\$4.50) on passengers enplaned at Airport
- **Charge Effective Date:** March 1, 2015.
- **Estimated Charge Expiration Date:** November 1, 2017 (or until collected PFC revenue plus interested thereon equals the allowable cost of the approved projects, as permitted by regulation).

Pursuant to 14 CFR Part 158.24, this notice is published providing the opportunity for public comment until September 27, 2018.

Comments may be submitted in writing to:

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