

July 22, 2024

Air Carriers, Foreign Air Carriers and Others Operating at East Texas Regional Airport

Re: Notice by Public Agency of Intent to Apply for Authority to Impose a Passenger Facility Charge for New Projects at the East Texas Regional Airport (GGG)

Dear Operator:

The East Texas Regional Airport, located in Longview, Texas, and operated by Gregg County, intends to submit an application to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to gain authority to initiate a new imposed and use application for projects at the East Texas Regional Airport.

As required by Section 158.23 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 158, Passenger Facility Charges, Gregg County is hereby providing written notice to all air carriers and foreign air carriers operating at the Airport. This letter serves to inform air carriers of the County's intent to initiate a new PFC application and notify air carriers of a PFC Consultation Meeting.

The County seeks to initiate a new impose and use application for the following projects:

The first project was originally included and approved with the airport's application number 12-03-C-00-GGG. Prior to completing the collection authority approved with application 3 the legal charge expiration date occurred and the airport's collection authority expired. This application process intends to reestablish the collection authority for this project as described in the following sections.

1. 2012 PFC App 3 Runway 13/31 Safety Area Improvements

The following 3 projects are new impose and use projects for the airport.

- 2. 2024 Runway 13/31 Rehabilitation Project
- 3. 2024 PFC Professional Services
- 4. 2024 PFC Professional Services (SOAR Admin, Close-out, and Audit Costs)

In accordance with §158.23(e)(1), Gregg County requests that air carriers confirm receipt of this letter and additionally state their intended presence at an in-person and virtual meeting scheduled for August 22, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

The in-person meeting location is in the East Texas Regional Airport

269 Terminal Cir Longview, TX 75603

If an air carrier determines that the consultation meeting is not necessary, the County requests that the air carrier's certification of agreement or disagreement be forwarded with its written acknowledgment of receiving this notice of intent.

Also, in accordance with §158.23, the County requests that air carriers confirm receipt of this letter and additionally state their intended presence at a consultation meeting scheduled for August 22, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

Section 158.23 (a) (1) Description of Projects

2012 PFC App 3 Runway 13/31 Safety Area Improvements: This project includes design and construction of improvements needed to the RSA of Runway 13/31. The Runway 13 end threshold will be permanently displaced 800' to provide a full RSA. The runway 13-31 MALSR and glide Slope will be modified as well. Miscellaneous drainage and electrical improvements were performed in conjunction with this project.

PFC Funding \$270,645

2. 2024 Runway 13/31 Reconstruction: This project includes the rehabilitation of Runway 13-31. This project will require an initial cold milling of existing asphalt pavement to a depth of 3" to 4" in order to establish a stable foundation in which to overlay upon. From there, a varying depth overlay will build the pavement back up to a thickness structurally adequate for the current aircraft operations on the airfield. Additionally, the reconstruction of roughly 645' will be required to correct potential subgrade failure that has caused ponding within the intersection Runway 13-31 and Taxiway November. Runway edge grading and new LED edge lights will also be included.

•	PFC Funding	\$1,920,873
0	AIP Funds	\$17,287,851
	Total	\$19,208,724

- 3. <u>2024 PFC Professional Services:</u> East Texas Regional Airport is utilizing professional consulting services for the preparation of its to Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) application.
 - PFC Funding \$63,300

- 4. 2024 PFC Professional Services (SOAR Admin, Close-out, and Audit Costs): East Texas Regional Airport intends to use its PFC consultant to assist with the management and administration of its program. This includes post-application actions and assistance with its program. Additionally, this project will provide for the funding of the annual PFC audit required by the program.
 - PFC Funding

\$200,000

Section 158.23 (a)(3) Request that a Class of Air Carriers Not Be Required to Collect the PFC

Under Section 158.11 of FAR Part 158, the County may request in its application to the FAA to impose a PFC that any class of air carrier not be required to collect the PFC if the number of passengers enplaned by the carriers in the class constitutes no more than one percent (1%) of the total number of passengers enplaned annually at the Airport. The number of passengers enplaned annually by the requested class of ATCO-Non-Scheduled/On-Demand Air Carriers filing FAA Form 1800-31 was 0.009% of total passengers enplaned at the Airport in 2023.

The County believes that the PFC revenue to be collected from the requested class of carriers does not justify the administrative burden that would be imposed on the carriers and the County in collecting and accounting for the revenues.

The County further believes that the requested class of on-demand air taxi operators is logically distinguishable from the air carriers providing regularly scheduled air service at the main Airport passenger terminal building and that the exclusion of such on-demand operators will not have a discriminatory effect.

Section 158.23 (a)(2) PFC Level, Effective Date, Expiration Date, and Total Revenue

Currently, the Airport has one open application with an excess revenue balance of \$97,352. These funds will be used for the subject projects of this application.

PFC Level: \$4.50
Charge Effective Date: November, 1, 2024
Charge Expiration Date: March 1, 2044
Total Revenue: \$2,454,818

Section 158.23 (a) (4) Meeting Notice

The County will hold an airline consultation meeting on August 22, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. to discuss the proposed application and answer any questions. The in-meeting will be held at:

East Texas Regional Airport. 269 Terminal Cir Longview, TX 75603 It is requested that you provide the County with your written responses and Certifications of Agreement/Disagreement to the proposed action within 30 days of the consultation meeting or receipt of this letter if no meeting is desired.

Should you have any questions, please contact us. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss this program with you.

Sincerely,

EAST TEXAS REGIONAL AIRPORT

Bill Stoudt

Gregg County Judge