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To: Property Representative/Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Administrator (see attachment for distribution list)

From: Darren E. Kempner, Manager, Grants and Government Affairs
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Re: Notice of Air Carrier Consultation Meeting – Buffalo Niagara International Airport (BNIA) PFC Application #14

This letter constitutes written notice to the carriers at Buffalo Niagara International Airport (BNIA) that the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA) intends to submit an application to the Federal Aviation Administration to obtain approvals to impose and use Passenger Facility Charges for projects at BNIA.

Pursuant to Section 158.23(a) of 14 CFR Part 158 NFTA is providing this notice to air carriers with a significant business interest at BNIA. The distribution list for this notice is included as Attachment A. This notice includes the following:

1. Description of NFTA's proposed PFC application [pursuant to Section 158.23 (a)(2)]
2. Proposed project summary and descriptions [pursuant to Section 158.23(a)(1)]
3. Class of carriers not required to collect PFC [pursuant to Section 158.23(a)(3)]
4. Date, time and location of air carrier consultation meeting [pursuant to Section 158.23(a)(4)]

1. DESCRIPTION OF NFTA'S PROPOSED APPLICATION

NFTA intends to submit BNIA PFC Application #14 to impose and use \$54,981,955 in PFC revenue for fifteen projects listed below in Table 1. The application will request to maintain BNIA's PFC level at \$4.50 per eligible enplaned passenger. The proposed charge effective date is upon the expiration of charge authority for Application No. 16-13-C-01-BUF (Application #13), which is estimated to occur on August 1, 2018. The estimated charge expiration date is January 1, 2024.

2. PROPOSED PROJECT SUMMARY AND DESCRIPTIONS

Table 1
PROPOSED PROJECTS FOR PFC APPLICATION #14

Project Description	Proposed Approvals	PFC Level
Baggage Claim Area Terminal Expansion, Construction	\$38,778,337	\$4.50
Aircraft Deicing Containment Facility Expansion, Design and Construction	7,576,000	\$3.00
Replace Snow Removal Equipment	4,905,000	\$3.00
Replace ARFF Equipment	1,000,000	\$4.50
New Snow Removal Equipment Building, Design	1,630,646	\$3.00
Replace Lighting Control Panel	400,000	\$3.00
PFC Planning and Administration	200,000	\$3.00
Replace Ground Power Units	229,000	\$3.00
Training System - SIDA	128,960	\$3.00
Security Upgrades, Terminal and Airside	43,134	\$4.50
Land Acquisition and Demo within RPZ Approach	37,500	\$3.00
Rehabilitate Public Access Apron, Design	21,688	\$3.00
Replace Runway Lighted Xs	13,500	\$3.00
Wildlife Hazard Assessment	10,625	\$3.00
Storage Tank - Liquid Deicing Chemical	7,565	\$3.00
Application Total	\$ 54,981,955	

Baggage Claim Area Terminal Expansion, Construction

This project provides for the construction of a baggage claim area terminal renovation and expansion. The project will include the replacement of three flat plate baggage claim belts with four sloped baggage claim belts. In addition, the center core of the terminal will be expanded on the east and west sides, and the baggage claim hall, airline baggage offices, and the secure side baggage drop off area will be renovated.

The west side expansion will include improvements to the Airport's Federal Inspection Services (FIS) facility and a connection to the main baggage claim area through an enclosed, conditioned exit from the west side concourse area along with additional passenger circulation space and a meet and greet area. The east side expansion will include a new exit from the east side concourse, relocation of the administration offices, relocation and expansion of concessions, meet and greet area, new restrooms, passenger circulation space, new conference room space, and better enclosed transit connections. The existing exit adjacent to the TSA checkpoint will be decommissioned.

Aircraft Deicing Containment Facility Expansion, Design and Construction

BNIA's existing Deicing Containment Treatment Facility (DCTF) system has reached its capacity to capture, contain, and treat spent deicing fluid. This project will provide for design and construction of an expansion of the DCTF. Two additional subsurface engineered wetland cells will be constructed to supplement the

existing four cells at BNIA. The two new cells will be of equal size, each approximately 300 feet long by 167 feet wide. The anticipated location is adjacent to the existing cells in the grass-covered area of the airfield.

The project also includes the expansion of the existing aeration system by adding two additional positive-displacement blowers to supplement the existing four blowers, and ancillary equipment and subsystem controls to monitor system performance. In addition to the added system components, upgrades and/or replacements may be required for existing pumps and electrical components. The building which contains the equipment will also be expanded to accommodate the new equipment. The proposed expansion may also require the addition of storm water infrastructure conveyance systems, underground storm water retention storage tanks for use during peak flow periods, man ways, and additional lift stations. A baseline review of the wetland's past performance will be included as part of the basis for design of the proposed system expansion.

Replace Snow Removal Equipment

This project will purchase the following eight pieces of snow removal equipment: two snow plows with sander/spreader, two multi-task vehicles, one snow blower, one glycol recovery vehicle (GRV), one snow melter, and one chemical spraying vehicle. The snow melter will be a new addition to the snow removal equipment fleet. The remaining equipment will replace existing pieces of equipment which have exceeded their useful lives. The equipment will be used on-Airport to clear snow from the airport operations area, which is necessary for the ongoing operation of the Airport.

Replace ARFF Equipment

This project will purchase a new ARFF vehicle to replace an existing F-3 ARFF vehicle. ARFF vehicle F-3 is an eligible structural fire truck and is approaching its useful life. The vehicle has been experiencing mechanical failure. The Airport is currently an Index C.

New Snow Removal Equipment Building, Design

This project will design a new snow removal equipment building to replace the existing snow removal equipment building as recommended in the 2013 Sustainable Master Plan. The building design will conform to Advisory Circular 150/5220-18A. The existing snow removal equipment building is approximately 45,000 square feet and is located on airport property at 251 Cayuga Road in the town of Cheektowaga, New York. The proposed location for the new snow removal equipment building is depicted within the airport facilities table on the Airport Layout Plan.

Replace Lighting Control Panel

This project provides for the replacement of the existing lighting control panel with a new computerized system, including the purchase and installation of the two industrial computer work stations (one at the electrical vault, where the lighting control regulators are located, and the other at the control tower). The project would also include the purchase and installation of a touch screen control display in the control tower observation deck, two uninterruptible power supplies for the industrial computers, four fiber drivers, two network switches, two fiber optic transceivers, and all interconnecting cables. A new 12-strand fiber optic cable will be installed in an existing spare conduit system between the control tower and electrical vault, over a distance of approximately 2,800 linear feet. FAA operations staff has noted that the existing airfield lighting control panel located at the BNIA air traffic control tower is outdated and is in need of replacement.

PFC Planning and Administration

This project will provide for PFC-related consulting and administrative services. Consulting services includes assistance with the preparation of the current PFC application. Tasks associated with the current application include:

- Collecting and organizing of project documentation
- Drafting PFC meeting notice letter
- Preparing of airline and public consultation documents
- Participation in preliminary meeting and air carrier consultation
- Preparing draft and final PFC applications
- Coordinating with NFTA and FAA staff

Administrative services include administration, management, and tracking of the BNIA PFC program by NFTA staff throughout the life of the current PFC application, when collections start through the expiration date for this application.

Replace Ground Power Units

This project will purchase and install four Ground Power Units (GPUs), located on the Passenger Boarding Bridge (PBBs) at the Airport's Gates 2, 11, 21 and 26. The GPUs would replace the existing GPUs at these common use gate locations which have exceeded their useful lives and are experiencing maintenance issues. These allow aircraft at the gate to use power from the terminal reducing emissions.

Training System - SIDA

The Airport is seeking to update its current Security Identification Display Area (SIDA) training system. This project includes the acquisition of an Interactive Employee Training Suite, created in partnership with FAA and TSA, focusing on regulatory and local compliance. The new system will be web-based and will provide customized training architecture that is flexible and scalable to the Airport's needs. The software will promote two-way communication training to replace previously used lecture style training.

Security Upgrades, Terminal and Airside

The Airport is seeking reimbursement for costs related to the purchase and installation of access control equipment at three areas of the Airport:

- Perimeter Fence Gate 19
- Maintenance garage building's exit to the airfield
- TSA Exit Lane

The equipment at the Perimeter Fence Gate 19 area included the installation of SIDA smart card reader/pinpad, security camera, and switches. The equipment at the maintenance garage building included SIDA equipment (smart card reader/pinpad) and prevents access to the secure airfield area of BNIA through the double garage doors without having proper or trackable SIDA access. The purchase and installation of security access controls (smart card reader/pinpad, as well as security cameras) in the TSA Exit Lane in the BNIA Terminal was required to prevent unauthorized entry during non-business hours. The installation of access control equipment was necessary in order to conform to security requirements.

Land Acquisition and Demo within RPZ Approach

This project includes the acquisition of a parcel of land in the approach Runway Protection Zone (RPZ) for Runway 5 at BNIA. The parcel is clear land located in the Town of Cheektowaga at 66 Cayuga. The north side of the property is adjacent to property owned by BNIA and on the south and east side of the property it is adjacent to clear land owned by BNIA.

The property is zoned for, and was used for, commercial use. This property currently contains an office building that was occupied by an architectural and engineering business; demolition of the office building is also included within the scope of this project. This property is identified on BNIA's Airport Layout Plan (ALP) as proposed airport easement.

Rehabilitate Public Access Apron, Design

This project consists of design services for the rehabilitation of the public access apron and connecting taxiway sections at the Airport. The design will provide for the rehabilitation of the 485 Cayuga Hanger Bay 6 & 7 access apron and the unnamed taxiway stub connect to Taxiway Delta, encompassing 67,017 square feet of pavement. This design project is necessary to address the functional condition of the public access apron and connecting taxiway pavement due to age and usage.

Replace Runway Lighted Xs

This project will procure four Light Emitting Diode (LED) Runway Closure Markers (Lighted Xs). The existing four closure markers are beyond their useful life and use incandescent bulbs which require frequent replacement. The LED Lighted Xs will be placed at runway ends appropriately during runway closures in order to comply with FAA requirements.

Wildlife Hazard Assessment

This project will prepare a Wildlife Hazard Assessment and an update of the Wildlife Hazard Management Plan for BNIA. The Wildlife Hazard Assessment will include animal surveys, vegetation surveys, perimeter fence surveys, identification of wildlife attractants and hazards, analysis of bird strike history, and review of wildlife-associated permits. The Airport's Wildlife Hazard Management Plan will then be updated based on the findings from the Assessment. The Plan will allow for compliance with 14 CFR 139.337 and will be developed in accordance with Advisory Circular 150/5200-33.

Storage Tank - Liquid Deicing Chemical

The Airport is seeking reimbursement for the purchase of a new 10,000 gallon tank used for the storage of potassium acetate. Potassium acetate will be used for airside snow removal only in accordance with the approved snow and ice control plan. The new storage tank will supplement the existing 20,000 storage capacity for potassium acetate at the Airport and will be located on the snow melt pad adjacent to the existing two tanks.

3. CLASS OF CARRIERS NOT REQUIRED TO COLLECT PFC

NFTA intends to exclude from the requirements to collect PFCs the class of carrier titled Air Taxi/Commercial Operators (ATCOs). In calendar year 2015 the number of passengers enplaned by this class of carrier was 419, representing less than one percent of total annual enplanements at the Airport. The carriers belonging to this class at the Airport in calendar year 2015 are as follows:

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- Aero Jet Services LLC
- Air Charter Service, Inc.
- Blue Bell Air LLC
- Crow Executive Air, Inc.
- Maine Instrument Flight
- Meridian Air Group, Inc.
- Seneca Flight Operations
- Ultimate Jetcharters LLC

These carriers are excluded because the administrative burden of collecting the fees is greater than the revenue that would be collected.

4. DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF AIR CARRIER CONSULTATION MEETING

NFTA will hold the air carrier consultation meeting at its offices at the Airport.

Date: August 2, 2017
Time: 10:30 am – 12:00 pm (EST)
Location: Buffalo Niagara International Airport
Main Conference Room

Dial-in: If you are unable to attend the meeting in person, you are welcome to join via conference call. Please call 716-855-7295 using conference code 2980 followed by 1001.

NFTA would appreciate acknowledgement of receipt of this notice, as stipulated in Section 158.23(c). Air carriers should send a receipt of this notice and any questions to Marcela Hernandez at Marcela_Hernandez@nfta.com.

Sincerely,



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