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# Amendment to PFC Application #13

Buffalo Niagara International Airport  
Buffalo, NY  
January 23, 2018



# Agenda

- **PFC Program at Buffalo Niagara International Airport**
- **Notice to air carriers and consultation meeting**
- **Class of air carrier not required to collect PFC**
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# PFC Program at Buffalo Niagara International Airport

- **PFC imposed since 1992, \$4.50 level since 2007**
  
- **Thirteen approved PFC applications**
  - (Application No. 14 to be submitted next week)
  
- **FAA approvals for \$196M**
  - Collection authority legal expiration: August 1, 2018
  - Approx. \$10M annually

# Notice to Air Carriers and Consultation Meeting

- **On December 21, 2017, the Authority provided written notice to the air carriers that it would hold this consultation meeting; the notice included:**
  - Project included in proposed amendment
  - PFC level and total PFC revenue
  - Charge effective and expiration dates
  - Class of air carrier not required to collect the PFC
  - Date, time, and location of air carrier consultation meeting
  
- **This presentation provides all information required under 14 CFR, §158.23(b) and 158.24(b) regarding consultation with air carriers and notice to the public**
  - Project description and justification
  - PFC level, proposed charge effective and expiration dates
  - Estimated PFC revenue for collection and use
  - Detailed project financial plan
  - Contact information for airline and public comments

# Class of Air Carrier Not Required to Collect PFC

- **Air taxi / commercial operators (ATCOs)**
  - Administrative burden of collections would outweigh revenues
  - Currently excluded from collection
  
- **Air carriers in this class provided service to 419 enplaned passengers at BNIA in CY 2015 and included:**
  - 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

# Air Carrier Requirements

- **In accordance with 14 CFR, §158.23, each air carrier shall provide written certification of agreement or disagreement with the proposed application by February 22, 2018**
  - If an air carrier does not provide certification, the air carrier is considered to have certified its agreement
  - A certification of disagreement must contain the reasons for such disagreement; the absence of such reasons shall void the certification of disagreement
  
- **Airline certifications and public comments should be sent to:**
  - Darren Kempner
  - Manager, Grants and Gov't Affairs, NFTA
  - 181 Ellicott Street
  - Buffalo, New York 14203
  - Phone: 716.855.7305
  - E-mail: darren\_kempner@nfta.com

# Proposed Amendment to PFC Application #13

## ■ Application Details:

- FAD date: June 28, 2016
- PFC level: \$4.50 per eligible enplaned passenger
- Effective date: August 1, 2016
- Estimated expiration date: August 1, 2018
- Pay-as-you-go basis

## ■ Amendment Details:

- The NFTA will submit a Type B Amendment proposal to FAA to materially alter the scope of approved project B-6 Terminal Roof Replacement: Sections A, B, & C, Design & Construction in application number 16-13-C-01-BUF
- Requesting to change the project from a *Terminal Roof Replacement* to a *Terminal Roof Rehabilitation*

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## ■ Project Background:

- **Original approved project scope** - objective of the project was to remove and replace sections of the existing Sarnafil (PVC) roof system of the passenger terminal at BNIA that have exceeded their useful life.
- **Design began August 2017**
- **October 2017 – Design Determinations:**
  - ❖ Replacement
    - would cost at least \$13 million or \$4 million over the original total estimated project cost, and
    - the increased cost was a result of labor efforts to remove the existing membrane and install additional insulation required to meet current New York State building codes.
  - ❖ Rehabilitation **Preferred Option**
    - recoating existing roof membrane to provide improved protection,
    - allows project to remain within budget, limit disruptions to operations, and provides a 30-year useful life.



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- **Budget Details:**

- Amendment will allow the project budget to remain unchanged

Approved Project Budget:	PFC	\$ 6,107,051
	NFTA	<u>\$ 3,212,540</u>
	Total	\$ 9,319,591

- Amendment will also not change requested \$54,981,955 of PFC Program revenue for collect and use

## Process and Schedule

Milestone	Timeframe	
Notice letter mailed to airlines	December 21, 2017	✓
<b>Air carrier consultation</b>	<b>January 23, 2018</b>	<b>Today</b>
Public consultation materials	January 23, 2018	
Air carrier comment deadline	February 22, 2018	
Public comment deadline	February 22, 2018	
Submit draft and final applications to FAA	March 2018	
FAA decision	120 days after submission	

# Next Steps

- **Air carriers submit written certifications**
  - 30-day period ends February 22, 2018
- **Notice and opportunity for public comment**
  - Concurrent with air carrier certification period
- **NFTA finalizes and submits the application to FAA**
  - Incorporate any air carrier and public comments
  - Required within 6 months of consultation meeting
- **Obtain FAA approval of the application**
  - Within 120 days of submission
- **NFTA notifies air carriers of FAA decision**
  - No impact; status quo for collections and PFC level