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NEW NOISE ABATEMENT PROCEDURE APPROVED FOR USE AT ST. PETERSBURG-CLEARWATER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

The St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport (PIE) is announcing the implementation of a new noise abatement procedure beginning October 27th, 2005. Over the past two years, the Airport, in cooperation with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), developed a new southbound instrument approach procedure, using Global Positioning System (GPS) technology that will aid in reducing aircraft noise to residents north of the Airport. The FAA approved procedure is referred to as an RNAV GPS approach. The benefit of this procedure is it keeps aircraft qualified to fly the approach over the water and away from residential areas.

Unlike the existing southbound noise abatement procedure, referred to as the North Bay Visual, the new RNAV GPS procedure does not have nighttime restrictions; therefore, the new approach procedure to Runway 17L may be utilized around the clock when instrument landing conditions do not exist. The procedure is limited to aircraft equipped with GPS avionics and an on-board flight management system.

At present, approximately 40% of the airline and cargo aircraft operating out of the Airport are capable of utilizing the new RNAV GPS-A approach. The Airport notified all airlines and cargo carriers of the new arrival procedure and requested that they utilize this GPS approach, equipment and weather permitting.

In an effort to establish additional noise abatement procedures that can be utilized by a wide variety of aircraft, the Airport engaged Jeppesen Dataplan, Inc. earlier this year to help identify additional arrival procedures that are less stringent and have greater applicability at St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport.

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