## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DECLARATION/RECORD OF DECISION

## Westchester County Airport (HPN) HPN PROP One Conventional Departure Procedure

<u>Description of Action</u>: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will publish and implement HPN Prop One at Westchester County Airport (HPN). The HPN Prop One was developed by Air Traffic to ensure that slower and lighter aircraft departing RWY 16 do not turn back into the departure corridor and that these aircraft avoid LGA sector airspace to the East and South.

<u>Declaration of Exclusion</u>: The FAA has reviewed the above referenced proposed action and it has been determined, by the undersigned, to be categorically excluded from further environmental documentation according to Order 1050.1F, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures". The implementation of this action will not result in any extraordinary circumstances in accordance with Order 1050.1F.

<u>Basis for this Determination</u>: An Initial Environmental Review was conducted by New York TRACON and reviewed by Eastern Service Center Operations Support Group. This review was conducted in accordance with policies and procedures in Department of Transportation Order 5610.1C, "Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts" and FAA Order 1050.1F.

The applicable categorical exclusions are:

- §5-6.5(i): Establishment of new or revised air traffic control procedures conducted at 3,000 feet or more above ground level (AGL); instrument procedures conducted below 3,000 feet (AGL) that do not cause traffic to be routinely routed over noise sensitive areas; modifications to currently approved instrument procedures conducted below 3,000 feet (AGL) that do not significantly increase noise over noise sensitive areas; and increases in minimum altitudes and landing minima.
- §5-6.5(k): Publication of existing air traffic control procedures that do not essentially change existing tracks, create new tracks, change altitude, or change concetration of aircraft on these tracks.

Decision: I have carefully considered the FAA's goals and objectives in relation to the proposed HPN Prop One at Westchester County Airport discussed in the Initial Environmental Review. After careful and thorough consideration of the information contained herein, the undersigned finds that the proposed Federal action is consistent with existing national environmental policies and objectives as set forth in Section 101(a) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator of the FAA, I find that the project in this Record of Decision (ROD) is reasonably supported. I therefore direct that action be taken to carry out the following agency action:

1. Approval and implementation of the HPN Prop One at Westchester County Airport.

## RIGHT OF APPEAL

This ROD presents the FAA's final decision and approvals for the actions identified, including those taken under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Subtitle VII, Parts A and B. This decision constitutes a final order of the FAA Administrator subject to review by the Courts of Appeals of the United States in accordance with the provisions of 49 U.S.C.  $\S$  46110. Any party seeking to stay the implementation of the ROD must file an application with the FAA prior to seeking judicial relief, as provided in Rule 18(a), Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure.