



U.S. Department
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**Federal Aviation
Administration**

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Dear Industry Representatives and Concerned Citizens

While the FAA generally does not request public comment on internal orders, the agency is offering this opportunity for public comment on Draft PFC Order 5500.1B, Passenger Facility Charge (PFC), in recognition of the interest of multiple stakeholders of the aviation industry in PFCs. The agency will consider all comments received by September 30, 2016 in finalizing this Order. An electronic copy of Draft FAA Order 5500.1B is available on the FAA Airports Web site at <http://www.faa.gov/airports/>. Comments received after that date may be considered if consideration will not delay agency action on the Order.

The PFC is an airport capital funding program, established by the Airport Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 as amended, 49 U.S.C. 40117 et seq. Order 5500.1, Passenger Facility Charge, issued August 9, 2001, provides instructions and sets forth policy and procedures used in the administration of PFC Program. The PFC Program allows the collection of fees up to \$4.50 per enplaned passenger at commercial airports controlled by public agencies.

The primary audience for this order is FAA employees and managers with PFC-related responsibilities. The secondary audience includes Public Agencies and Air Carriers involved with collecting, using and reporting PFC revenues. This Order replaces the above-referenced 2001 PFC Order with updated information that reflects current legislation, regulation and policy. The Office of Airports reorganized and revised this Order to clarify what is required by law and policy and to incorporate PFC Updates 35-02 (dated October 5, 2001) though 69-12 (dated September 14, 2012).

Since 2001, there have been substantial changes to the law, regulation and policies related to PFCs. To incorporate these changes and provide the most useful and current program guidance to agency employees, the Office of Airport Planning and Programming, Financial Assistance Division has updated and significantly revised the Order to maximize its clarity. This update is a fundamental rewrite of FAA Order 5500.1, the current version of the PFC Order. The update clarifies the different responsibilities of the FAA Office of Airports staff and those of public agencies applying to collect and use PFCs. The update also clarifies the responsibilities of air carriers collecting, handling, and remitting PFCs to public agencies. This Order includes the requirements for all PFC funded projects and can be used as a ready-reference for project-specific requirements.

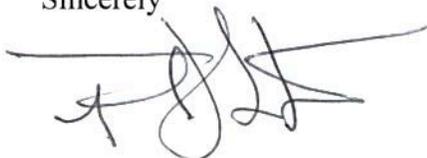
All comments should be submitted on the Draft PFC Order 5500.1B Comment Form, which is available for downloading at <http://www.faa.gov/airports/> using any of the following methods:

- Email: 9-faa-arp-pfc-order-55001b@faa.gov.
- Facsimile: (202) 267-5302
- Mail: FAA Office of Airports, Airport Planning and Programming, Financial Analysis and PFC Branch (APP-510), Room 619E, 800 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20591.

Comments that are not submitted on the Draft PFC Order 5500.1B Comment Form may be considered only if consideration will not delay agency action on the Order.

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Sincerely

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