§ 158.21 General.

This subpart specifies the consultation and application requirements under which a public agency may obtain approval to impose a PFC and use PFC revenue on a project. This subpart also establishes the procedure for the Administrator’s review and approval of applications and amendments and establishes requirements for use of excess PFC revenue.

§ 158.23 Consultation with air carriers and foreign air carriers.

(a) Notice by public agency. A public agency must provide written notice to air carriers and foreign air carriers having a significant business interest at the airport where the PFC is proposed. A public agency must provide this notice before the public agency files an application with the FAA for authority to impose a PFC under §158.25(b). In addition, public agencies must provide this notice before filing an application with the FAA for authority to use PFC revenue under §158.25(c). Public agencies must also provide this notice before filing a notice of intent to impose and/or use a PFC under §158.30. Finally, a public agency must provide this notice before filing a request to amend the FAA’s decision with respect to an approved PFC as discussed in §158.37(b)(1). The notice shall include:

1. Descriptions of projects being considered for funding by PFC’s;
2. The PFC level for each project, the proposed charge effective date, the estimated charge expiration date, and the estimated total PFC revenue;
3. For a request by a public agency that any class or classes of carriers not be required to collect the PFC—
   i. The designation of each such class,
   ii. The names of the carriers belonging to each such class, to the extent the names are known,
   iii. The estimated number of passengers enplaned annually by each such class, and
   iv. The public agency’s reasons for requesting that carriers in each such class not be required to collect the PFC; and
4. Except as provided in §158.25(c)(2), the date and location of a meeting at which the public agency will present such projects to air carriers and foreign air carriers operating at the airport.

(b) Meeting. The meeting required by paragraph (a)(4) of this section shall be held no sooner than 30 days nor later than 45 days after issuance of the written notice required by paragraph (a) of this section. At or before the meeting, the public agency shall provide air carriers and foreign air carriers with—

1. A description of projects;
2. An explanation of the need for the projects; and
3. A detailed financial plan for the projects, including—
   i. The estimated allowable project costs allocated to major project elements;
   ii. The anticipated total amount of PFC revenue that will be used to finance the projects; and
   iii. The source and amount of other funds, if any, needed to finance the projects.

(c) Requirements of air carriers and foreign air carriers. (1) Within 30 days following issuance of the notice required by paragraph (a) of this section, each carrier must provide the public agency with a written acknowledgement that it received the notice.

2. Within 30 days following the meeting, each carrier must provide the public agency with a written certification of its agreement or disagreement with the proposed project. A certification of disagreement shall contain the reasons for such disagreement. The absence of such reasons shall void a certification of disagreement.

3. If a carrier fails to provide the public agency with timely acknowledgement of the notice or timely certification of agreement or disagreement with the proposed project, the
§ 158.24 Notice and opportunity for public comment.

(a)(1) Notice by public agency. A public agency must provide written notice and an opportunity for public comment before:

(i) Filing an application with the FAA for authority to impose a PFC under §158.25(b);
(ii) Filing an application with the FAA for authority to use PFC revenue under §158.25(c);
(iii) Filing a notice of intent to impose and/or use a PFC under §158.30;
and
(iv) Filing a request to amend a previously approved PFC as discussed in §158.37(b)(1).

(2) The notice must allow the public to file comments for at least 30 days, but no more than 45 days, after the date of publication of the notice or posting on the public agency’s Web site, as applicable.

(b)(1) Notice contents. The notice required by §158.24(a) must include:

(i) A description of the project(s) the public agency is considering for funding by PFC’s;
(ii) A brief justification for each project the public agency is considering for funding by PFC’s;
(iii) The PFC level for each project;
(iv) The estimated total PFC revenue the public agency will use for each project;
(v) The proposed charge effective date for the application or notice of intent;
(vi) The estimated charge expiration date for the application or notice of intent;
(vii) The estimated total PFC revenue the public agency will collect for the application or notice of intent; and
(viii) The name of and contact information for the person within the public agency to whom comments should be sent.

(2) The public agency must make available a more detailed project justification or the justification documents to the public upon request.

(c) Distribution of notice. The public agency must make the notice available to the public and interested agencies through one or more of the following methods:

(1) Publication in local newspapers of general circulation;
(2) Publication in other local media;
(3) Posting the notice on the public agency’s Internet Web site; or
(4) Any other method acceptable to the Administrator.

§ 158.25 Applications.

(a) General. This section specifies the information the public agency must file when applying for authority to impose a PFC and for authority to use PFC revenue on a project. A public agency may apply for such authority at any commercial service airport it controls. The public agency must use the proposed PFC to finance airport-related projects at that airport or at any existing or proposed airport that the public agency controls. A public agency may apply for authority to impose a PFC before or concurrent with an application to use PFC revenue. If a public agency chooses to apply, it must do so by using FAA Form 5500–1, PFC Application (latest edition) and all applicable Attachments. The public agency must provide the information required under paragraphs (b) or (c), or both, of this section.

(b) Application for authority to impose a PFC. This paragraph sets forth the information the public agency must file when applying for authority to impose a PFC. A separate application shall be submitted for each airport at which a PFC is to be imposed. The application shall be signed by an authorized official of the public agency, and, unless otherwise authorized by the Administrator, must include the following:

(1) The name and address of the public agency.
(2) The name and telephone number of the official submitting the application on behalf of the public agency.
(3) The official name of the airport at which the PFC is to be imposed.
(4) The official name of the airport at which a project is proposed.