

# SEA Airlines Airport Affairs Committee

## Seattle -Tacoma International Airport

June 27, 2011

Port of Seattle Commissioners  
Bill Bryant, President  
John Creighton  
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**RE: Item 7a: Part 150 Study Aircraft Noise and Land Use Compatibility Study Update**  
Commission Special Meeting, Federal Way City Hall, June 28, 2011

The Airlines Airport Affairs Committee (AAAC\*) of Seattle, which is made up of 30 signatory carriers serving Sea-Tac International Airport, has serious concerns over the proposed Ground Runup Enclosure (GRE) that is being reviewed under the Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study.

A group of airline representatives met with Airport staff on June 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss the potential for a GRE installation, as well as location options and the financial and operational viabilities associated with it. During the meeting, there were several questions raised over the justification and need for a GRE given the financial burden and operational constraints that it would place on the airlines who underwrite the development, financing, operation, and management of Sea-Tac International Airport. We encourage the Commission to consider all of the costs associated with a GRE. The airlines believe that the GRE may require approximately \$50 million of additional investment beyond the cost of the structure itself.

The AAAC will conduct a more in-depth review of the information discussed at the meeting and submit detailed comments outlining our position during the Public Comment process. However, the AAAC believes it is important to go on the record with our concerns as soon as possible.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,



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Chairperson, Seattle AAAC

Director, Airport Affairs  
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