

**AERONAUTICAL CHARTING FORUM
Charting Group
Meeting 13-01 – April 24-25, 2013**

RECOMMENDATION DOCUMENT

FAA Control # ACF-CG RD 13-01-260

Subject: Inclusion of Metering frequency, 133.57, to MSP Airport Diagram FAA AL-264.

Background/Discussion:

Prior to moving an aircraft on the ground at MSP, you are required to contact Metering at 133.57. In the attached documents, you will note that this contact info and Metering frequency (133.57) are noted both on the Jeppesen 10-9 and 10-9B diagrams. This information and frequency do not appear on the FAA AL-264 MSP airport diagram.

Recommendations:

Edit the FAA AL-264 to include the metering frequency, 133.57, in the frequency list on the document.

Comments:

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MEETING 13-01: Valerie Watson, AJV-3B, briefed the topic on behalf of the submitter and voiced that the proponent requests that the FAA publish the MSP Ground Metering frequency on the airport diagram. She shared that the NASR database currently contains similar frequencies for 4 airports: MSP, ORD, STL & CLE. Valerie inquired of the Terminal ATC representatives present how these frequencies are utilized and if they believe charting is necessary.

Mark Washam, Contract Support, AJT-2A3, voiced that ground metering is only used to line up aircraft on the ground for takeoff when an airport is extremely busy. Ground metering is not always in use.

Mike Poisson, AJT-2A3, agreed and voiced that, to his knowledge, because ground metering is not always in effect, when it is in use, its availability and frequency are announced via ATIS. Valerie asked whether this was always the case, voicing that if the frequency is announced via ATIS, there is no reason to chart it.

Mike committed to researching use & dissemination of ground metering frequencies.

STATUS: OPEN

ACTION: Michael Poisson, AJT-2A3, will verify the standard practices for informing pilots of when the metering frequency is in use.

MEETING 13-02:

Valerie Watson, AJV-3, briefed the topic and reviewed that pilots are informed when a Metering Frequency is in use via ATIS and at present, the FAA does not publish metering frequencies on Airport Diagrams.

Michael Poisson, AJV-8, emphasized that Minneapolis (MSP) wants their Metering Frequency published. Michael stated that the frequency is always in use and it would be extremely helpful to publish it on the airport diagram (it is currently published in the airport entry of the Airport Facility Directory).

Chris Criswell, AJV-22, commented that the metering frequencies are maintained in NASR. John Moore, Jeppesen, stated that Jeppesen publishes metering frequencies on their instrument approach and airport charts.

A general discussion ensued, the conclusion of which was a consensus that the Metering Frequency should be included on FAA Airport Diagrams.

STATUS: OPEN

ACTION: Valerie Watson, AJV-3, will draft a Requirement Document (RD) for IACC consideration and report at next ACF.

MEETING 14-01:

Valerie Watson, AJV-3, reported that an IACC specification change has been submitted for the inclusion of metering frequencies on FAA Airport Diagrams. Valerie is also working with the National Flight Data Center (NFDC) to standardize the format for storing and publishing metering frequencies. This issue shall remain open until metering frequencies have been charted on the appropriate airport diagrams. There are currently only four airports with published metering frequencies: CLE, MSP, ORD, and STL.

STATUS: OPEN

ACTION: Valerie Watson, AJV-3, will report on the status of the publication of Metering Frequencies on Airport Diagrams at the next ACF.

MEETING 14-02

Valerie Watson, AJV-344, reviewed the topic. Valerie stated that the IACC Recommendation Document has been signed and Metering Frequencies should appear on affected airport diagrams within the next couple of charting cycles.

STATUS: CLOSED