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Dear Airport Sponsors, State Officials,  
and Consultants:

As you all know, our regional Airport Division changes our staff assignments from time to time. Our last major change was in October 2012, with the retirement of Craig Bailey.

This fiscal year, we have added new staff and are transitioning others to new assignments. Accordingly, as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, we are making some changes, as described herein.

### **Planning Assignments**

Ralph Nicosia-Rusin has spent substantial time working with the FAA Technical Center in Atlantic City. We expect this work to continue. Given this assignment, and anticipated workload, we are changing our planning assignments as summarized in the table below.

<b>State</b>	<b>Former Assignment</b>	<b><u>New Assignment (effective 10/1/15)</u></b>
Connecticut	Gail Lattrell	<b>Richard Doucette (781-238-7613)</b>
Maine	Ralph Nicosia-Rusin	<b>Michelle Ricci (781-238-7631)</b>
Massachusetts (excepting Massport)	Lisa Lesperance	<b>Lisa Lesperance (781-238-7616)</b>
New Hampshire	Tracey McInnis	<b>Tracey McInnis (781-238-7621)</b>
Rhode Island	Gail Lattrell	<b>Gail Lattrell (781-238-7615)</b>
Vermont	Michelle Ricci	<b>Tracey McInnis (781-238-7621)</b>
Massport (BOS, ORH, BED)	Ralph Nicosia-Rusin	<b>Gail Lattrell (781-238-7615)</b>

Ralph will continue to play an important role in our region. He will work to complete the Regional GA system plan; coordinate the airport GIS initiatives; provide technical assistance for all Massport and system plan studies; and assist in review of all forecast and capacity elements of key studies. He will be responsible for coordination with HQ on major planning issues and for all intra-FAA coordination. Additional duties may also be assigned to him.

### **Engineering Assignments**

For our engineers, the states and sponsors have not changed, as summarized in the table below. Our new engineer, Steve Barker, will have no specific assignments but will work with the team as needed.

<b>State</b>	<b>Former Assignment</b>	<b><u>New Assignment (effective 10/1/15)</u></b>
Connecticut	John Merck	<b>John Merck (781-238-7623)</b>
Maine	Luke Garrison	<b>Luke Garrison (781-238-7622)</b>
Massachusetts (excepting Massport)	Cliff Vacirca	<b>Cliff Vacirca (781-238-7627)</b>
New Hampshire	Bob Siris	<b>Bob Siris (781-238-7626)</b>
Rhode Island	Bob Siris	<b>Bob Siris (781-238-7626)</b>
Vermont	John Merck	<b>John Merck (781-238-7623)</b>
Massport (BOS, ORH, BED)	Barry Hammer	<b>Barry Hammer (781-238-7625)</b>

### **Airspace Cases**

Tracey McInnis, our airspace specialist, is transitioning into a full time planner. Airspace responsibilities are now split between Non-rulemaking Actions (NRA) and OE cases. NRA cases will be coordinated by Patricia Beckman (781-238-7611). OE cases will be coordinated by Steve Barker (781-238-7628). This transition will occur over the next few months.

### **Compliance Cases**

Our new Compliance Officer, Jorge Panteli, is responsible for all compliance issues. Please contact him at 781-238-7618. In addition, Jorge will be transitioning this year to manage all land interest projects (land acquisitions, etc.) in our region.

### **Transition Process**

Any change can cause some bumps in the road. We will work to try to minimize any problems or issues that arise over the next year. A few basic points:

- **These new assignments were effective October 1, 2015.** Any new projects started after that date will be responsibility of the new planner or engineer.
- **For most ongoing (FY 2015 or earlier) projects, the current FAA engineer or planner will not change.** In some cases (such as longer term projects), it may make sense to reassign them to the new engineer or planner. We will coordinate any changes with you in advance.
- When in doubt, call your **new** planner. We will work to address any transition issues internally, so you won't have to worry about them.

If you have a problem or concern, please contact me (phone 781-238-7610).

Sincerely,

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