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Attn: Mr. Michael Blaich
Specialist, Air Traffic Airspace Branch
Federal Aviation Administration, ASW-520
2601 Meacham Boulevard
Fort Worth, TX 76137-0520

RE: Aeronautical Study No. 2007-ASO-5867-OE

Dear Mr. Blaich,

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), representing over 413,000 members nationwide, strongly objects to the proposed light pole near Page Field (FMY), Ft. Myers, Florida.

We are concerned that the proposed height of this structure will have negative impacts to operations at FMY.

The planned height of 44 feet Mean Sea Level (MSL) for this light pole would shorten the length of FMY's shortest runway by 180 feet. Runway 13/31 has already seen a decrease by over 700 feet over the years; as a result, if this pole is allowed to be built at the planned height, this runway would have lost at least 880 feet of length over time.

The land around FMY is highly developed and heavily populated. Any runway expansion of FMY is problematic at best. A decrease in landing length would be detrimental to the local economy because of potential lost business for the airport and most importantly, safety at Page Field. The airport pays the price when development exceeds FAA standards.

AOPA strongly suggests that either the pole's planned height be lowered by 9 feet, or it be relocated so there would be no impacts to operations at FMY.

We recommend that the FAA find this light pole a hazard to aerial navigation, if the proponent cannot move the structure or lower the light pole height. We thank you for considering our comments.

Respectfully,

Brent Hart
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