

SUBJECT: CASE NO. 25-AAL-113NR

## PROPOSED DECOMMISSIONING Iliamna Nondirectional Beacon/Distance Measuring Equipment Iliamna, Alaska

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is conducting a nonrulemaking study to consider decommissioning the Iliamna Nondirectional Beacon (NDB) and Distance Measuring Equipment (DME) (ILI) at Iliamna, Alaska.

FAA Technical Operations is requesting to decommission ILI as the systems have been out of service for an extended period. Multiple repair attempts have failed as the age of the equipment makes attaining replacement parts difficult and expensive. Replacement of the shelter, NDB/DME equipment, and antenna tower, as well as upgrading the infrastructure, is estimated at \$1 million.

The removal of ILI will result in the cancellation of the Iliamna Airport (PAIL) NDB Runway 36 instrument approach procedure. Anchorage Air Route Traffic Control Center reported that the PAIL NDB approach procedure was very seldom used prior to the current outage; however, the PAIL NDB approach is the only non-Global Positioning System (GPS) procedure in the area between King Salmon and Homer. A segment of V-457 between ILI and Kenai Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range (VOR) will also require cancellation.

The Don Young Alaska Aviation Safety Initiative (DYAASI) is developing a GPS resiliency plan for Alaska in the event of a GPS outage. Although a final plan has not yet been issued, DYAASI will not include NDBs or NDB instrument approaches in the preliminary plans for the program, except in the Aleutian Chain where there are no other navigational aids. A spectrum analysis of signals from surrounding VORs indicates very good line-of-sight coverage in the Iliamna area at 10,000 feet.

OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT: Interested parties are invited to respond by submitting written data, views, and/or arguments related to the overall aeronautical, economic, environmental, and/or energy aspects of the proposal. All communications received on or before the specified comment closing date will be considered. Comments may be sent to the Group Manager, Operations Support Group, AJV-W2, FAA, Western Service Center, at 2200 South 216th Street, Des Moines, WA 98198, or via email to Mark.ctr.Payne@faa.gov.

COMMENT CLOSING DATE: September 25, 2025.

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