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Re: Comments to FAA Docket No. FAA-2012-0055 and Airspace Docket No. 11-ACE-12; Proposed Modification of VOR Federal Airways V-10, V-12, and V-508 in the Vicinity of Olathe, KS

Mr. Norek,

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), representing more than 400,000 members nationwide, submits the following comments in response to the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to modify Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range (VOR) Federal Airways V-10, V-12, and V-508 in the vicinity of Olathe, KS. As the FAA transitions from ground-based navigational aids (NAVAID) to a satellite based system, AOPA's primary objective is the preservation of access and efficiency in the National Airspace System for general aviation. AOPA supports the FAA's efforts to provide an opportunity for public comment on the impacts of individual NAVAID decommissionings.

AOPA understands the need for modifying the existing route structure to accommodate the decommissioning of the Johnson County VOR (OJC) as part of the FAA's transition to a satellite based navigation system. It appears the proposed modifications of existing Victor Airways will largely mitigate the impact of OJC's decommissioning, and AOPA supports the FAA's proposed rulemaking.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit comments on this proposed rulemaking and encourage the FAA to continue providing a means for public comment on individual NAVAID decommissionings and associated airways modifications.

Sincerely,

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