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Mr. Bob Jones
New England Terminal District Manager
Federal Aviation Administration, Air Traffic Services
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Dear Mr. Jones:

As you are aware, the FAA, the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) have been undertaking a multi-phased Boston Logan International Airport Noise Study (BLANS). We have completed Phases I and II which have focused on individual noise abatement measures including incorporating the new Boston Logan RNAV procedures. The final phase, Phase III, is currently underway and seeks to develop a runway use program for Boston Logan with the goal of reducing overall noise consistent with FAA safety and operational requirements.

A key task of the BLANS runway use phase is a one year test of proposed runway use measures. The one year test is critical because this period will provide adequate data and reflect the seasonality nature of Boston Logan's demand and weather patterns. As a result, and as proposed by the CAC and its consultant as well as agreed to by the local FAA Air Traffic and Massport, Massport is requesting that the FAA conduct four separate, three month tests of various components of the runway use program. The target date to begin the testing is October 1, 2014.

This testing period is expected to provide the study team the additional information needed as we seek to design a runway use program for Boston Logan. We look forward to working with the CAC and the FAA on this important noise abatement effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "FLAVIO LEO", written in a cursive style.

Flavio Leo
Deputy Director, Aviation Planning and Strategy
Massachusetts Port Authority

Cc: Sandra Kunz (CAC), Terry English (FAA)