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**RE: Noise Abatement Departure Procedure 1 (NADP1)**

To LaGuardia Airport Committee:

Thank you for your letter dated May 30, 2025, in which the committee recommends the increased usage of the Noise Abatement Departure Procedure 1 (NADP 1) for climbs off Runway 13 at LaGuardia Airport (LGA). The Port Authority appreciates your concerns regarding the usage of NADP 1 for Runway 13 at LGA and agrees with the recommendation that NADP 1 should be used more to reduce the noise impacts on the communities around LGA.

The usage of NADPs for Runways 13 and 4 was investigated in the LGA Part 150 Noise Compatibility Planning Study, which the Port Authority completed in 2023. The study determined that the usage of NADP 1 for Runway 13 and NADP 2 for Runway 4 would reduce the noise impact on the communities surrounding the LGA airport. Therefore, the Part 150 study recommended the voluntary usage of NADP 1 for Runway 13 and NADP 2 for Runway 4. The Port Authority has supported the usage of the NADPs by adding and publishing the recommendation for the NADPs in the LGA Fly Quiet Program (FQP), which was released in early 2024. Pursuant to federal regulations, airport operators cannot mandate the use of NADPs at an airport because airport operators do not have the authority to require specific operating profiles for aircraft in flight; utilization of NADPs is voluntary and at the choice of aircraft operators. However, FAA AC 91-53A encourages aircraft operators “to use the appropriate NADP when an airport operator requests its use to abate noise for either a close-in or distant community.”

The Port Authority will work with the airlines and the FAA to encourage the increased use of these flight procedures through direct communication with them and by continuing to highlight the NADPs at semiannual Fly Quiet Program focus group meetings with the airlines. Additionally, the Port Authority has sent a General Manager’s bulletin to all LGA aircraft operators to remind them about NADP 1 for Runway 13 and its recommended usage.

Furthermore, the Port Authority is recommending the usage of NADP 1 for Runway 22, NADP 2



for Runway 4, and NADP 2 for Runway 31 to further reduce the community noise impacts. The GM bulletin sent out contains the recommended NADP usage for each runway end and will be sent to each LGA operator on an annual basis as a reminder.

Reducing airport noise impacts has been and will continue to be an agency priority. The Port Authority will continue to encourage the usage of NADPs and efforts at mitigating noise impact on the communities surrounding our airports. While the Port Authority does not have the capability to track the usage of NADP procedures, we will work closely with the airlines, encouraging them to use NADPs and provide their usage data on a periodic basis. The Port Authority plans to keep the LGA airport committee up to date on the implementation and usage of the NADPs at future roundtable meetings.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

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