February 16, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT RELATED TO PASSENGER FACILITY CHARGES (PFC)

This notice serves as the public notice that the Durango-La Plata County Airport (DRO), Durango, Colorado intends to submit to the FAA a new “Impose and Use” PFC application no. 13. The Durango-La Plata County Airport is providing an opportunity for public comment until March 23, 2023. This written notice is provided in accordance with requirements contained in Federal Aviation Regulation 49 CFR 158.24 Passenger Facility Charge.

The proposed projects in the new “Impose and Use” PFC application no. 13 are:

1. ARFF Vehicle Acquisition
   Anticipated project start date: 2023
   Estimated project cost: $1,022,900
   PFC amount: $41,530

2. Terminal Phase 1B Construction
   Anticipated project start date: 2024
   Estimated project cost: $26,000,000
   PFC amount: $5,534,455

The airport will continue to charge the maximum allowable PFC amount of $4.50 per enplaned passenger for the projects listed above. The proposed charge effective date is August 1, 2023. The estimated expiration date is March 1, 2031. The estimated PFC revenue for application no. 13 is $5,575,985.

The Durango-La Plata County Airport is requesting to exempt all air taxi/commercial operators filing FAA Form 1800-31 from collection of the PFC. The annual estimated number of passengers enplaned by this class is less than 1% of the annual enplanements. DRO desires to exempt this class of carriers because the administrative costs for the carrier and the airport are considered excessive for the small amount of revenue generated.

In accordance with Federal Aviation Regulation 49 CFR Part 158, comments are being accepted until March 23, 2023. Comments or a request for more detailed information may be mailed to Tony Vicari, Director of Aviation, Durango-La Plata County Airport, 1000 Airport Road, Durango, CO 81303, or emailed to tony.vicari@durangogov.org.