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August 21, 2013

Jacob Qualls, City Clerk  
City of New Meadows  
P O Box 324  
New Meadows ID 83654

RE: Comments on design review for development of Block 85, Lots 10-18 located within the City of New Meadows

Dear Mr. Qualls,

The staff of the Division of Aeronautics has reviewed the documents filed with the city by Bill Brown outlining plans for the development of the commercial property just south of the New Meadows Airport, a public use airport which is owned and managed by the State of Idaho. We would like to make the following comments with regard to the proposal:

- While a site visit was conducted on July 24, 2013 with the proponent and employees of the city of New Meadows, excavation and leveling of Block 85 was still ongoing at the time, and the location of structures could only be estimated.
  - The conceptual plans for the project do not include final building site elevations which would allow the Division of Aeronautics to accurately calculate the impacts to the approach surface for runway 32, under which the development will be located. Conceptual plans must include site elevations and height for each structure as well as any light and power poles. The Division of Aeronautics needs this data to make any determination. The FAA will need the same information to complete form 7460-1, if it is required.
  - In addition to potential protected airspace penetration, development in the immediate vicinity of a public use airport often raises concerns in terms of incompatible land use such as high density residential, generation of smoke, glare, and wildlife attractants. If Federal Aviation Regulation Part 77 airspace is not penetrated by the structures, the proponents anticipated operations as described in the documents provided will likely not be adverse to aviation safety for aircraft operating into and out of the New Meadows airport. This project will be within the runway protection zone (RPZ). Typically, development in an airport's RPZ is discouraged, but cannot be prevented.
  - While Mr. Brown was advised by Aeronautics staff that it did not appear that the project would meet or exceed the criteria that would trigger the need for an Obstruction Evaluation by the FAA and the State of Idaho, this advice was given in anticipation of more detailed site plans, to include survey quality elevation data. This information will determine if an FAA form 7460-1 must be filed with the FAA.
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In summary, the Division of Aeronautics cannot make a determination on airspace impacts for a project this close to an airport using only estimated design data. More precise information is needed as stated above. This request was made to the proponent prior to the July 24, 2013 site visit and meeting with you and the proponent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael S. Pape', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

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