Prescott Regional Airport (PRC) Tarmac Delay Plan

Prescott Regional Airport – Ernest A. Love Field (PRC) has prepared this Emergency Contingency Plan pursuant to the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012, 49 U.S.C. § 42301. The Airport is filing this plan with the Department of Transportation because (1) PRC is a commercial service airport, and (2) PRC may be used by an air carrier described in 49 U.S.C. § 42301(a)(1) for diversions.

This plan describes how, following excessive tarmac delays and to the extent practicable, the Airport will:

- Provide for the deplanement of passengers
- Provide for the sharing of facilities and make gates available at the airport

During diversions, the Airport may issue NOTAMs regarding its ability to accommodate diverted flights to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the airport and its ability to serve the civil aviation needs of the public during irregular operations events.

Airport Information

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Prescott Regional Airport – Ernest A. Love Field (PRC)

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Airport Category:

Primary Commercial Service - Non-Hub

Contact Information

In the event of diversion or other irregular operations events, aircraft operators should contact Airport Operations at 928.777.1150 (24-hour).

Plan to Provide for the Deplanement of Passengers Following Excessive Tarmac Delays

The Airport does not own or operate any of the equipment needed to safely deplane passengers from air carrier aircraft and is, therefore, unable on its own to provide for the deplanement of passengers. Additionally, airport personnel are not trained to assist in the deplanement of passengers using equipment owned or operated by air carriers.

There is currently one airline regularly operating at PRC, and we have common use ramp parking positions at PRC. Accordingly, an airline space will be provided by Airport Operations.

Our "based" air carrier(s) have the necessary equipment (and redundancy) to off-load its own aircraft in the event of a "tarmac delay".

If a non-based airline at PRC (i.e., diverted aircraft) is facing an excessive tarmac delay due to insufficient equipment to safely off-load passengers, Airport Operations will provide the non-based airline with the contact information for the based airline(s) and for our fixed base operator. These entities may have necessary equipment and personnel to safely deplane non-based airline passengers after receiving requests from the non-based airline experiencing an excessive tarmac delay.

Plan to Provide for the Sharing of Facilities and Make Gates Available in an Emergency

Terminal gates are under common use lease to air carrier(s) and are controlled by the airport. We will request our common use based air carrier(s) to make gates and other facilities available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at any gate to the extent practicable.

Plan to Provide a Sterile Area Following Excessive Tarmac Delays for Passengers Who Have Not Cleared United States Customs and Border Protection

The Airport does not have international passenger processing facilities. If necessary, the Airport will coordinate with United States Customs and Border Protection (CPB) located in Phoenix and to identify suitable areas and procedures for establishing a temporary sterile area into which international passengers on diverted aircraft who have not yet cleared CPB can be deplaned, to the extent practicable.

Public Access to the Emergency Contingency Plan

The Airport will provide public access to its emergency contingency plan by posting this Tarmac Delay Plan on the airport website.