



GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO
PORTS AUTHORITY

Public Notice
Passenger Facility Charge Application
Mercedita Airport (PSE),
Ponce, PR

The Puerto Rico Ports Authority intends to file a notice of intent with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to impose Passenger Facility Charges (PFC) at the Mercedita Airport (PSE) and use the PFC revenue for projects at the Rafael Hernandez Airport (BQN).

As required by Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 158.24, the Airport must provide written notice to the public and an opportunity for public comment before filing its notice of intent with the FAA. The notice required by §158.24(a) must include:

- (i) A description of the project(s) the public agency is considering for funding by PFC's;
- (ii) A brief justification for each project the public agency is considering for funding by PFC's;
- (iii) The PFC level for each project;
- (iv) The estimated total PFC revenue the public agency will use for each project; (v) The proposed charge effective date for the application or notice of intent;
- (vi) The estimated charge expiration date for the application or notice of intent;
- (vii) The estimated total PFC revenue the public agency will collect for the application or notice of intent; and
- (viii) The name of and contact information for the person within the public agency to whom comments should be sent.

The period of public comment will expire at 11:59 pm on November 22, 2022.

Please send your comments to:

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The summary, descriptions, and justifications for the projects to be funded are as follows:

PRPA is seeking approval to impose and use PFC revenues on a pay-as-you-go basis for three projects. A summary of projects, their status, and their proposed PFC funding amount is shown below.

| <u>Project Title</u> | <u>Project Status</u> | <u>PFC Level</u> | <u>Proposed PFC Amount</u> |
|---|-----------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Reconstruct and Relocate Runway 8-26 at BQN | In process | \$4.50 | \$ 1,396,000.00 |
| PFC Application Preparation | In process | \$4.50 | \$ 25,000.00 |
| PFC Program Administration | In process | \$4.50 | \$ 100,000.00 |
| | | | \$ 1,521,000.00 |

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS AND JUSTIFICATIONS:

Reconstruct and Relocate Runway 8-26 – Project 04-1 (see Attachment A for diagram)

A new runway will be built to replace the existing runway that has outlived its useful life. The new runway will be 11,000FT x 150FT with 35FT shoulders and built with its centerline 420FT south of the existing runway centerline and will be provided with 35FL shoulders. The existing Runway will be reconstructed into a new parallel Taxiway. The Taxiway will be 11,000FT x 75FT with 30FT shoulders 500FT north of the new runway. The design aircraft is the Boeing 747-400 therefore the design will meet FAA Advisory Circular 150/5300-13B Aircraft Approach Category (AAG) D, Airplane Design Group (ADG) V, and Taxiway Design Group 5. The amount of PFC is based on the engineer cost estimate for the project and it could change during the bidding process.

PFC Application Preparation – Project 04-2 (no project diagram)

The PRPA is seeking the reimbursement of costs related to the preparation of the current PFC application for BQN.

Tasks associated with the current application include:

- Collection and organization of project documentation
- Drafting of PFC Notice and Opportunity for Public Comment
- Drafting of PFC meeting notice letter
- Preparation of airline and public consultation documents
- Participation in preliminary meeting and air carrier consultation
- Preparation of draft and final PFC applications
- Coordination with PRPA and FAA staff

PFC Program Administration – Project 04-3 (no project diagram)

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The PRPA is seeking the reimbursement of PFC program costs related to ongoing administration of this PFC application for PSE as required under Subparts C and D of 14 CFR Part 158 (Collection, Handling, and Remittance of PFCs; and Reporting, Recordkeeping, and Audit).

PFC LEVEL, PROPOSED CHARGE EFFECTIVE DATE, ESTIMATED CHARGE EXPIRATION DATE, AND TOTAL PFC REVENUE

PFC Level: PRPA proposes to impose the PFC at the \$4.50 level.

Effective Date: September 1, 2024

Expiration Date: September 1, 2028 (4 years from the effective date)

Total PFC Revenue: This notice requests collection and use of \$1,521,000 in PFC funds.

CLASS OF CARRIER NOT REQUIRED TO COLLECT THE PFC

PRPA does not intend to exclude any class of air carrier from the requirements to collect PFCs at BQN.

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**ATTACHMENT A
 PROJECT DIAGRAM**

Reconstruct and Relocate Runway 8-26 at BQN – Project 04-1

