

# VATUSA DENVER ARTCC AND VATUSA MINNEAPOLIS ARTCC

## LETTER OF AGREEMENT

EFFECTIVE: 12/01/2018

### SUBJECT: INTERFACILITY COORDINATION

1. **PURPOSE:** This agreement establishes coordination procedures and defines delegation of airspace between VATUSA Denver ARTCC (ZDV) and VATUSA Minneapolis ARTCC (ZMP). This agreement is supplemental to procedures contained within FAA Order 7110.65.
2. **DISCLAIMER:** Information contained herein is designed and specifically for use in a virtual air traffic control environment. It is not applicable, nor should it be referenced for live operations in the National Airspace System (NAS).
3. **CANCELLATION:** VATUSA Denver ARTCC and VATUSA Minneapolis ARTCC Letter of Agreement dated April 5, 2015.
4. **RESPONSIBILITIES:**
  - a. Denver ARTCC delegates control responsibility and jurisdiction of airspace at 7,000 feet MSL and below to Minneapolis ARTCC as depicted on Attachment B. Minneapolis ARTCC must have control of aircraft landing at Kearney, Nebraska, Municipal Airport (EAR) for descent and turns not to exceed 45 degrees left or right of course within a 30NM radius of the EAR VOR. The Denver ARTCC controller must coordinate all approaches to Holdrege (Nebraska)/Brewster Field (HDE).
5. **PROCEDURES:**
  - a. Each ARTCC must route/restrict aircraft in accordance with Attachment C.
  - b. Aircraft landing within 60 miles of the boundary must enter the receiving ARTCC's airspace AOB FL230, and the receiving ARTCC must have control for descent and turns.
  - c. Inappropriate altitude for direction of flight may be assigned IAW FAA JO 7110.65 and with prior approval from the receiving facility.
  - d. Transponder codes may be changed without coordination in an area 30NM either side of the ZDV/ZMP ARTCC common boundary.
  - e. The receiving controller must have control for turns 20 degrees left or right of course, and speed adjustments for aircraft within 20NM of the ZDV/ZMP ARTCC common boundary.
  - f. Flights originating less than 5 minutes flying time from the adjacent ARTCC's boundary must be coordinated by the transferring ARTCC.
  - g. Data Block Coordination and Interim Altitude Procedures.
    - (1) Data blocks must reflect the aircraft's assigned altitude at the time of handoff.
    - (2) Handoffs must be directed to the appropriate sector for the aircraft's altitude assignment. Acceptance of a radar handoff constitutes approval coordination for that aircraft to climb or descend to the displayed altitude.
    - (3) Use of interim (temp) altitudes is authorized between Denver ARTCC and Minneapolis ARTCC and must represent valid altitude coordination. Use of interim altitudes must not be

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authorized to coordinate Inappropriate Altitude for Direction of Flight (IAFDOF), or to supersede altitude restrictions established within this Letter of Agreement.

- (4) When unable to approve the automated altitude, the receiving controller must verbally coordinate with the transferring controller prior to acceptance of the handoff.
- h. Radar handoffs should be made with reference to the Denver ARTCC/Minneapolis ARTCC boundary and along regularly used routes. In addition, the following designated points may be used for radar handoffs:
  - (1) CHAUX 43°42'30"N, 101°24'30"W
  - (2) WHITE 43°17'20"N, 100°06'00"W
  - (3) RESERVOIR 44°42'00"N, 101°29'00"W
  - (4) LOOP 41°21'00"N, 99°03'00"W
  - (5) NATOMA 39°28'30"N, 98°41'00"W
  - (6) SULPHUR 44°57'30"N, 103°10'00"W
  - (7) LOGAN 39°51'00"N, 98°57'00"W
- i. Sector Stratification.
  - (1) Minneapolis ARTCC sectors are stratified at FL230 and below for low altitude sectors and FL240 and above for high altitude sectors.
  - (2) Denver ARTCC sectors are stratified at FL260 and below for low altitude sectors and FL270 and above for high altitude sectors.
- j. Aircraft unable to comply with required routes or altitude must be coordinated with the receiving ARTCC on an individual basis.

#### 6. ATTACHMENTS:

- a. Attachment A – EAR Shelf Delegated Airspace
- b. Attachment B – Route/Altitude Restrictions

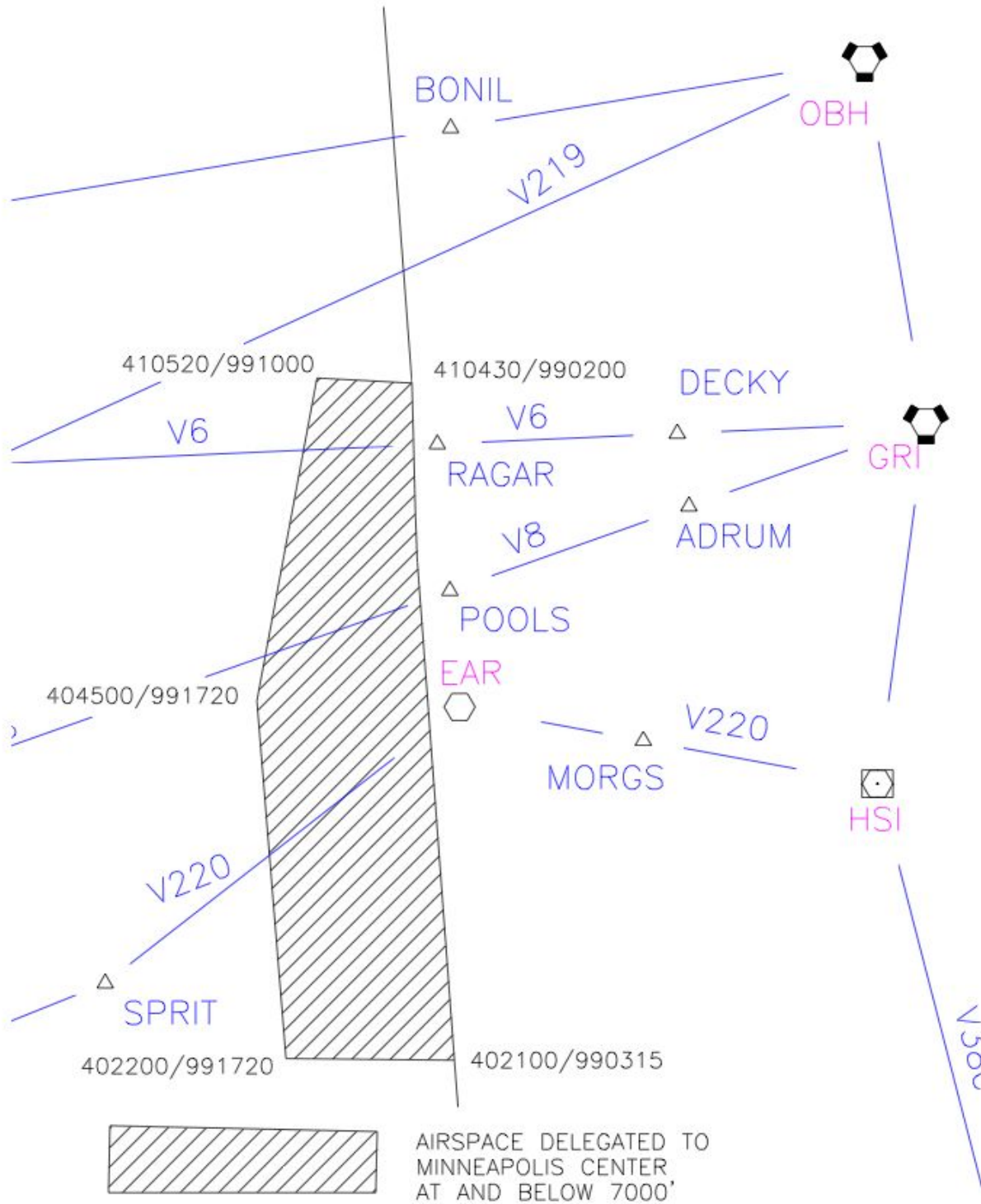
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ATTACHMENT A - EAR SHELF DELEGATED AIRSPACE



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**ATTACHMENT B – ROUTE/ALTITUDE RESTRICTIONS**

**FROM ZDV TO ZMP**

<b>Arrival Airport(s)</b>	<b>Qualifier</b>	<b>Route Via</b>	<b>Altitude</b> (Cross ZDV/ZMP Boundary, unless otherwise noted)
MSP	All	J114.FSD..SSWAN.TORGY STAR (RNAV) J114.FSD..RWF.SKETR STAR	
MSP Satellite (ANE FCM LVN MIC STP) <sup>1</sup>	All	HANKI..ENCEE.ENCEE STAR	
OMA, OFF	Above 11,000	GRI/OBH/ONL.HOWRY STAR PWE.PWE STAR	AOB FL350 (HOWRY) or AOB FL370 (PWE)
LNK	All		AOB FL330
EAR, HSI, GRI	All		AOB FL230
ORD	Above FL240	No radar vectors or direct routing beyond MCW, FOD, or IRK	

<sup>1</sup> MSP satellite arrivals must enter ZMP either in-trail with or below MSP arrivals

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**FROM ZMP TO ZDV**

<b>Arrival Airport(s)</b>	<b>Qualifier</b>	<b>Route Via</b>	<b>Altitude</b> (Cross ZDV/ZMP Boundary, unless otherwise noted)
DEN (Turbojet)	North of HUTEF	RNAV: BFF/SNY.ANCHR/KIPPR STAR Non-RNAV: BFF/SNY.LANDR STAR	
	Between HUTEF and ONL (ZMP29)	RNAV: YANKI/CTFSH.ANCHR/KIPPR STAR Non-RNAV: ONL.J114.YANKI.LANDR STAR	
	South of ONL (ZMP39)	RNAV: MNNOW.KOHOE/WAHUU STAR Non-RNAV: LBF.SAYGE STAR	
APA	RNAV AOA FL270	PUFFR.PUFFR STAR	
	Non-RNAV AOA FL270	SNY..GLL..BJC	
BJC	RNAV AOA FL270	YOKES..GLL	
	Non-RNAV AOA FL270	SNY..GLL	
RAP	Above 16,000 between SULPHUR and RESERVOIR		AOB FL260 descending to 17,000 <sup>1</sup>
	Between RESERVOIR and CHAUX		AOB FL270 <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Denver ARTCC must have control for descent to 12,000 feet MSL and control for turns of 30 degrees left or right of course on Rapid City area arrivals from 20NM north of the common Denver/Minneapolis ARTCC boundary.

<sup>2</sup> Denver ARTCC has control for descent to FL240. Pilot discretion descent is authorized.