

**ATLANTA ARTCC AND HOUSTON ARTCC  
LETTER OF AGREEMENT**

**SUBJECT: INTERFACILITY COORDINATION**

**EFFECTIVE: 25 February, 2023**

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1. **PURPOSE:** This agreement establishes coordination procedures and defines delegation of airspace between VATUSA Houston ARTCC (ZHU) and VATUSA Atlanta ARTCC (ZTL). This agreement is supplemental to procedures contained within FAA Order 7110.65.
  2. **DISCLAIMER:** Information contained herein is designed 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:** ZTL and ZHU Letter of Agreement dated July 1, 2020.
  4. **GENERAL PROCEDURES:**
    - a. The receiving ARTCC has control for beacon code changes.
    - b. ZTL has control for left turns for aircraft landing KATL north of CATLN and east of ZME boundary.
    - c. ZTL has control to clear aircraft landing KATL over SHYRE on the appropriate flow dependent OPD STAR.
    - d. Active sectors will be communicated by referencing sector ID or frequency, not callsign.

**5. ALTITUDE ASSIGNMENT:**

- a. Aircraft departing MOB, BFM, CQF, or JKA proceeding into ZTL's airspace must be assigned an altitude at or below FL270. At handoff, the data block must reflect the altitude assigned by ZHU.
- b. Aircraft landing MOB, BFM, CQF, or JKA, operating above 11,000 feet, must cross the common ZHU/ZTL boundary at or below FL230, descending to 11,000 feet.
- c. Aircraft landing GPT, BIX, PQL, or HSA, operating above FL280, must cross the common ZHU/ZTL boundary at or below FL280 right altitude for direction of flight.
- d. Aircraft landing NPA, VPS, DTS, or PNS must be at or below FL270 descending to FL240.
- e. Aircraft departing the MSY to GPT terminal areas destined KATL must be assigned an altitude at or below FL330.

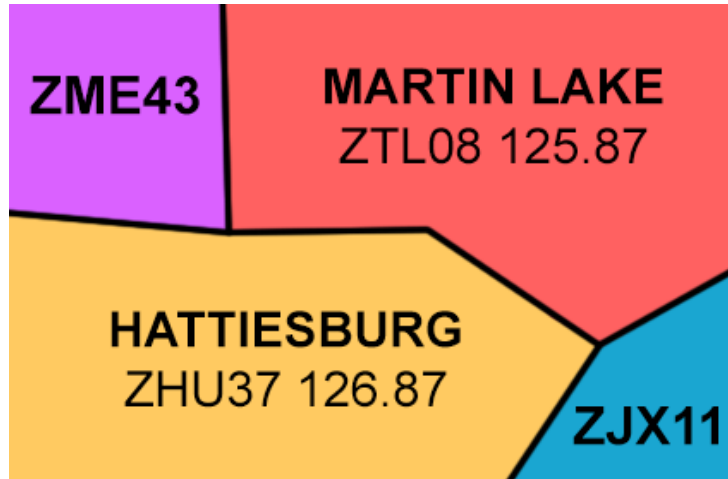
**6. ROUTING RESTRICTIONS:**

- a. ZTL must:
  - i. Clear all aircraft FL240 and above destined MSY or NEW over SJI or direct SJI to join the MNSTR# STAR.
  - ii. Clear aircraft above 9,000 feet landing CQF or JKA via direct BFM direct destination.
  - iii. Clear aircraft destined NPA, VPS, DTS, or PNS over SJI.
- b. ZHU must:
  - i. Ensure RNAV-equipped turbojets destined ATL, departing from or east of I90 TRACON and requesting FL240 and above, are cleared via the SHYRE transition to join the GNDLF/HOBTT STAR.
  - ii. Ensure all other aircraft destined ATL, departing from or east of I90 TRACON and requesting FL240 and above, are cleared via CATLN J37 MGM LGC V222 TIROE.
  - iii. Clear aircraft not destined ATL via J37.MGM or routes that will remain clear of aircraft on STAR transitions to ATL.

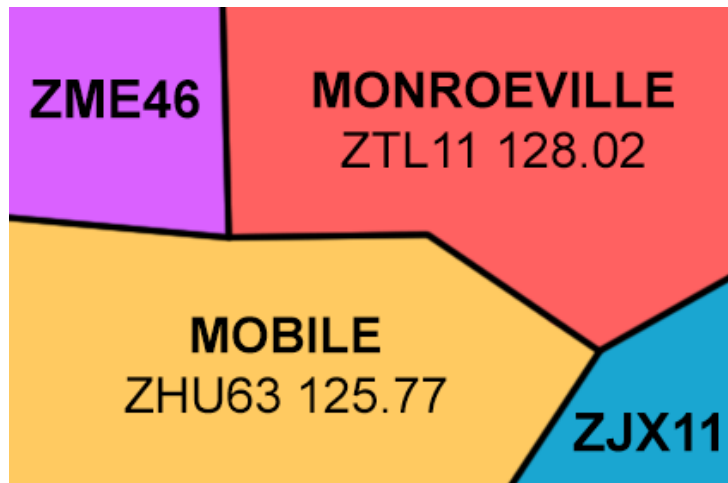
**7. ATTACHMENTS:**

- a. Attachment A - ZTL/ZHU Boundary
  - i. [Attachment A1 - Ultra High Stratum \(FL350+\)](#)
  - ii. [Attachment A2 - High Stratum \(FL240-FL340\)](#)
  - iii. [Attachment A3 - Low Stratum \(SFC-FL230\)](#)

**ATTACHMENT A1 - ULTRA HIGH STRATUM (FL350+)**



**ATTACHMENT A2 - HIGH STRATUM (FL240-FL340)**



**ATTACHMENT A3 - LOW STRATUM (SFC-FL230)**

