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Subject: Alternate Service Pattern Request - PQI EAS
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Good afternoon -

United Airlines seeks the Department's approval to adopt an alternate service pattern for the Essential Air Service we provide at Presque Isle, ME (PQI) pursuant to DOT's Order 2020-5-10 and proceedings in docket DOT-OST-2000-8012.

United seeks the flexibility to provide PQI EAS operations via either our New York/Newark (EWR) hub, as detailed in the Order, or via our Washington/Dulles (IAD) hub for the duration of United's renewed PQI contract. We do not seek any modifications to the contractual payment terms nor to substitute materially-different aircraft.

As the Department is aware, and with the Department's approval and the PQI airport/community's support, United has been serving PQI via our IAD hub since shortly after the onset of the current COVID-19 pandemic, due in part to service reductions at our New York/Newark (EWR) hub driven by the pandemic's significant impacts to the New York metropolitan region. The PQI community has been supportive of this decision and expresses interest in maintaining PQI's service via IAD, and has informed us that it plans to support this request as well.

At this time United has no plans to revert PQI service back to EWR, but due to the many uncertainties surrounding the planning process in light of the ongoing pandemic, we are requesting the flexibility to do so in the future should the need arise.

Please let me know whether this request meets the Department's administrative criteria or needs to be made through a more formal documentation process.

Thank you very much -

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