



CITY OF ADAK, ALASKA

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Kevin Schlemmer
Office of Aviation Analysis
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Amendment to Essential Air Service at Adak, Alaska (Docket: DOT-OST-2000-8556)

Dear Mr. Schlemmer:

The City of Adak, Alaska requests the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) amend Order 2019-9-2, issued September 10, 2019, to allow Alaska Airlines the flexibility to add Cold Bay as a stop between Anchorage and Adak.

In these uncertain times the community of Adak must not only look at its immediate needs and circumstances, but also look towards the future. The recent decision of Ravn Air Group to declare bankruptcy and cease operations highlight the critical need for all of us to do what we can to support local communities. Our vulnerability and need, which is heavily detailed in this docket, absolutely relates to the critical service air carriers provide. As we watch events unfold, we recognize the vital need for Alaska Airlines to remain a healthy and sustainable airline now and well into the future.

The City recognizes that it has an asset in having air service, provided by Alaska Airlines, that is very reliable and well suited to the needs to our community. In reaching out to the community of Cold Bay, we feel that an ability for Alaska Airlines to service, by amending the aforementioned order, provides an immediate benefit to not only the community of Cold Bay and the surrounding region but also the entire Essential Air Service program.

It is with all these factors in mind that we support Alaska Airlines' request to amend Order 2019-9-2 to allow for amendment of our passenger service to add a stop between Anchorage and Adak, in both directions. The City also supports the request to have flexibility to be able to substitute 737-800 passenger aircraft as necessary in order to provide this amended service. Please feel free to reach out to me by phone, at the number below, or by email at llockett@adak-ak.gov if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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City Manager

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