

# **CLEARFIELD-JEFFERSON COUNTIES REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

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Mr. Scott Faulk  
United States Department of Transportation  
Office of Aviation Analysis  
12200 New Jersey Ave SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Order 2020-4-8

Mr. Faulk,

The Clearfield-Jefferson Counties Regional Airport Authority operators of the DuBois Regional Airport appreciate the opportunity to provide input on proposed Essential Air Service for the DuBois Regional Airport. At their 26 June 2020 regular monthly meeting the Authority voted to support Southern Airways Express bid of 24 weekly to PIT and 14 weekly to BWI.

After discussion on the various bids received for the DuBois service, the Authority elected to support the Southern bid. Of the bids received, Southern's provides the continuity of service at the levels currently provided and requested by the RFP at the best price. Southern is providing reliable low cost service which is bringing customers back to the DUJ. Continuity of service with Southern is extremely important to continue to increase passengers.

We have seen passenger increase from a low of 2,200 in 2015 to 11,000 in CY 2019 a 500% increase. Pittsburgh continues to be the hub of choice with 2/3 of our passengers flying to Pittsburgh. BWI has proven to be an excellent complement to PIT providing access to the excellent hub at BWI and access to the nation's Capital. BWI currently captures 1/3 of the DUJ traffic.

With Southern's business plan, reliability, professionalism and enthusiasm, the Authority believes that the per-seat cap can be overcome and that ridership will continue to increase capturing those driving to their destinations.

The Authority appreciates the opportunity to provide this input and stands ready to be a partner in making the service successful. Please feel free to call on us should you need anything further from the Authority.

Sincerely,

W. Jay Chamberlin  
Chairman

Clearfield-Jefferson Counties  
Regional Airport Authority