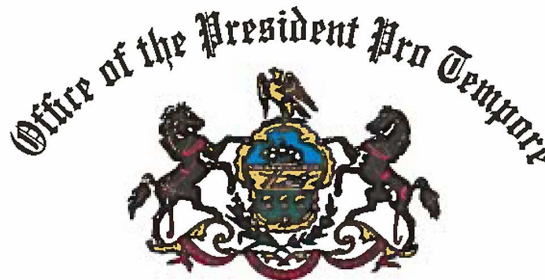


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RE: Order 2020-4-8

Mr. Faulk,

I am writing in support of Southern Airways bid for Essential Air Service at the DuBois Regional Airport. The Clearfield-Jefferson Counties Regional Airport Authority, operators of the DuBois Regional Airport voted to support Southern Airways Express' bid of 24 weekly flights to Pittsburgh and 14 weekly flights to Baltimore/Washington for the two-year period, beginning November 1.

Southern Airways Express is the existing service provider for the DuBois Airport, increasing 2019 service by 500% over 2015 service levels, with 2/3 of these passengers flying to Pittsburgh and 1/3 to Baltimore/Washington. The airline, through its service level and quality, and as a result of its marketing program, has performed beyond expectation in providing reliable, low-cost service for the DuBois Airport. With its business plan, the Clearfield-Jefferson Counties Regional Airport Authority believes that ridership will continue to increase and that the per-seat cap can be overcome.

It is with these considerations in mind that I support the Airport Authority's desire to accept Southern Airways Express bid for the next two years of passenger air service at the DuBois Regional Airport in DuBois, Pennsylvania. I, therefore, ask that you look favorably on this proposal to provide Essential Air Service at the DuBois Regional Airport.

Sincerely,

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