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7 July 2020

Mr. Michael F. Martin
United States Department of Transportation
Essential Air Service (EAS) and Small Community Air Service
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Martin:

Re: Comments from Hancock County, Maine community concerning USDOT Order 2020-4-6
Docket No. DOT-OST-2011-0185

On behalf of the Hancock County Commissioners, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Essential Air Service proposals that were submitted to the Department on 27 May 2020 regarding service at the Hancock County – Bar Harbor Airport (BHB). The following summarizes the four (4) proposals that were received for year-round service to begin on 15 October 2020:

Airline	Aircraft Type(s)	May through October	October through May
Cape Air	Cessna 402/Tecnam Traveller	56 RT weekly	21 RT weekly
Boutique Air	Pilatus PC-12	42 RT weekly	21 RT weekly
Silver Airways	Saab 340 <i>Bplus</i> (ATR42-600 option)	14 RT weekly	12 RT weekly
Southern Airways	Cessna C-208	44 RT weekly	18 RT weekly

After carefully considering all of the proposals and recommendation from our Airport Advisory Committee in support of Cape Air for a four year term, we agree that the equipment, fares and frequency, plus the JetBlue Airways code share that Cape Air proposes will best serve the needs of this community. We believe that Cape Air's JetBlue codeshare and interline agreements with nearly every major U. S. carrier will allow passengers traveling into and from our airport to conveniently connect with the rest of the National Air Transportation system. Lastly, at this time, we are not willing to waive our right to have, at least, multiengine aircraft continuing to serve our community via the essential air service program.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Hancock County Commissioners

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William F. Clark".

The Honorable William F. Clark
Chairman

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