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To: [Paluvai, Venkatesh \(OST\)](#)
Subject: RE: EAS at Metlakatla
Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 1:34:26 PM

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Hi Venk,

Thanks for your email below and for seeking the Community's response. In that regard, the Community is concerned about the lower amount of RTs, but willing to accept the Department's decision, subject to ongoing review of the sufficiency of that level of service. Also, the Community would appreciate the opportunity, whether through a two-year contract or otherwise, to allow for expedited future changes to the level of air service should the need arise.

Thank you. C

From: Paluvai, Venkatesh (OST) <Venkatesh.Paluvai@dot.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2022 5:16 AM
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Hi Chris.

After speaking with the air carrier and its representatives, and the State of Alaska, the Department plans to move forward with the proposed "Alternative B" in the attached proposal (28/18 RT's per week). In light of budget constraints and recent decreases in traffic, we feel like this is the appropriate course of action. I would like to know your thoughts as the community representative and also say that we can select the air carrier for shorter (two-year) contract time to allow for changes in the future.

Thanks,
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Dear Mr. Paluvai,

On behalf of the Metlakatla Indian Community, the Community has reviewed the Proposal of Taquan Air and requests that the Department of Transportation (the "Department") accept Taquan Air's 35/28 Per Week Proposal, with the sixteen-week summer peak period running from May 15 to September 15. Accordingly, the Community respectfully asks the Department to enter an order that restores essential air service to the Community at historic and necessary levels of 35 roundtrips per week during the peak season (May 15 – September 15) and 28 roundtrips per week during the non-peak season.

Given that Taquan Air's proposal addresses the Community's needs, the Community intends to withdraw its Petition for Reconsideration of Order 2022-3-3 after receipt of confirmation that the 35/28 proposal has been accepted.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you. C

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Subject: EAS at Metlakatla

Greetings All:

I would like to update you on the Essential Air Service (EAS) situation at Metlakatla as well as give you an opportunity to offer any comments for the formal record before we submit a recommendation to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs. As you may know, the Department issued Order 2022-3-3 on March 2, 2022, soliciting proposals from air carriers interested in providing EAS at Metlakatla for a new term.

In response to the Department's request, Venture Travel LLC d/b/a Taquan Air Service submitted a proposal for consideration. I have attached that proposal to this email, and uploaded it on to www.regulations.gov under docket DOT-OST- 2021-0164. I request that you review the proposal and submit any comments you may have as soon as possible, but no later than May 9, 2022. Please send your comments directly to me via e-mail at: venkatesh.paluvai@dot.gov. Also, please forward this to all relevant parties that I have not included on the distribution list. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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