

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
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Issued by the Department of Transportation  
on the 9th day of January, 1991

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Ninety-day Notice of :  
: ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST AIRLINES, INC. : Docket 47061  
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to suspend service at Muscle Shoals, :  
Alabama, under section 419 of the Federal :  
Aviation Act of 1958, as amended :  
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Ninety-day Notice of :  
: ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST AIRLINES, INC. : Docket 47065  
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to suspend service at Tuscaloosa, :  
Alabama, under section 419 of the Federal :  
Aviation Act of 1958, as amended :  
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ORDER EXTENDING SERVICE OBLIGATION

On July 13 and 16, 1990, Atlantic Southeast Airlines, Inc. (ASA), filed 90-day notices of intent to suspend its subsidy-free services at Muscle Shoals and Tuscaloosa, Alabama, respectively, as of October 15, 1990. By Order 90-10-12, October 12, 1990, the Department prohibited ASA from suspending service at these communities and requested proposals from carriers interested in providing replacement service. Since then, we have extended ASA's service obligation at these communities for additional 30-day periods by subsequent hold-in orders; Order 90-12-13, December 7, 1990, the most recent of these, extended ASA's obligation through January 13, 1991.

Since both Muscle Shoals and Tuscaloosa receive subsidy-free service to another hub besides Atlanta -- Muscle Shoals to Memphis and Tuscaloosa to Nashville -- Order 90-10-12 stated that we would continue to examine the need for two-hub service at these communities, especially in the context of the proposals for replacement service.

In the meantime, this case will not be concluded before the end of the current 30-day hold-in period, January 13, 1991. In accordance with section 419(b)(5) of the Act, we will therefore extend ASA's service obligation at both communities for an additional 30-day period, through February 12, 1991.

This order is issued under authority assigned in 14 CFR Part 385.

ACCORDINGLY,

1. We require Atlantic Southeast Airlines, Inc., to maintain essential air service at Muscle Shoals and Tuscaloosa, Alabama, as set forth in Order 90-10-12, for an additional 30-day period, through February 12, 1991, or until further Department action, whichever occurs first;

2. We direct Atlantic Southeast Airlines, Inc., to retain all books, records and other source and summary documentation, including copies of interline flight coupons, to support claims for payment for the service the carrier is being required to provide and to preserve and maintain such documentation in a manner that readily permits the audit and examination thereof by representatives of the Department; and

3. We will serve a copy of this order on the Mayors of Muscle Shoals and Tuscaloosa, Alabama, the Muscle Shoals Regional Airport Authority, the Tuscaloosa Municipal Airport, the Alabama Aeronautics Commission, Nashville Eagle, Inc., d/b/a American Eagle, Express Airlines I, Inc., d/b/a Northwest Airlink, and Atlantic Southeast Airlines, Inc.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of this order under the Department's Regulations, 14 CFR 385.50, must file such petitions within ten days after the date of service of this order.

This order will be effective immediately, and the filing of a petition for review shall not preclude its effectiveness.

By:

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Director  
Office of Aviation Analysis

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