

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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Issued by the Department of Transportation
on the 31st day of December, 1991

Essential Air Service at	:	
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HYANNIS, MASSACHUSETTS	:	Docket 47667
	:	
under section 419 of the Federal	:	
Aviation Act of 1958, as amended	:	

ORDER EXTENDING SERVICE OBLIGATION

On September 9, 1991, Northeast Regional Express Airlines, Inc., d/b/a Northwest Airlink (Northeast Express), filed notice under section 419 of the Act and Part 323 of the Department's Regulations (14 CFR Part 323) of its intent to suspend all air service at Hyannis, Massachusetts, effective December 8, 1991. Essential air service at Hyannis includes service to both New York and Boston. While another carrier is providing service to Boston, the proposed suspension of service by Northeast Express would have deprived Hyannis of all of its essential air service in the New York market. Therefore, the Department by Order 91-10-55 prohibited the carrier from suspending service at the point and required it to maintain service there for an initial 30-day period, through January 7, 1992. The order also requested proposals for replacement service at Hyannis. Proposals were due to be filed by December 5, 1991. One carrier, New York Escape Airlines, Inc., filed a proposal.

We will not have completed this case by the end of Northeast Express' hold-in period, however, and in order to insure the continuation of essential air service by Northeast Express at the end of the hold-in period, in accordance with section 419(b)(5) of the Act, we will extend the carrier's obligation to maintain essential air service at Hyannis for an additional 30-day period, through February 6, 1992.

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

ACCORDINGLY,

1. The Department prohibits Northeast Express Regional Airlines, Inc., d/b/a Northwest Airlink, from suspending service at Hyannis, Massachusetts, and requires it to maintain service at the community, as set forth in ordering paragraph 4 of Order 91-

10-55 for an additional 30-day period, through February 6, 1992, or until a carrier that is capable of providing reliable essential air service on a continuing basis actually begins service, whichever occurs first; ¹

2. The Department directs Northeast Express Regional Airlines, Inc., d/b/a Northwest Airlink, to retain all books, records, and other source and summary documentation to support claims for compensation for service the carrier is required to provide at Hyannis, Massachusetts, 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. The Department will serve a copy of this order on the Mayor and airport manager of Hyannis, Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, and Northeast Express Regional Airlines, Inc.

Persons entitled to petition the Department of Transportation for review of this order under the Department's Regulations, 14 CFR 385.50, must file their petitions within 10 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 such effectiveness.

By:

JOHN V. COLEMAN
Director
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¹ In accordance with section 419, we will extend Northeast Express' service obligation for successive 30-day periods, as necessary, until we complete the case.