



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Order 92-1-6

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Issued by the Department of Transportation
on the 3rd day of January, 1992

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 :

Ninety-day Notice of :
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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 :

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, 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 a series of hold-in orders; Order 91-12-7, December 4, 1991, the most recent of these, extended ASA's obligation through January 7, 1992.

By Order 91-9-38, September 18, 1991, we resolicited proposals from carriers interested in providing replacement service at Muscle Shoals and Tuscaloosa as well as at Anniston and Gadsden, Alabama, and Laurel/Hattiesburg, Mississippi. We have received proposals from GP Express Airlines, Inc., Gulf Flite Center, Inc., d/b/a Skybus Express Airline, and Southern Airways, Inc., and are now processing these proposals. In the meantime, this case will not be concluded before the end of the current 30-day hold-in period. In accordance with section 419(b)(5) of the Act, we will therefore extend ASA's service obligation at Muscle Shoals and Tuscaloosa for another 30-day period, through February 6, 1992.

This order is issued under authority delegated 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 6, 1992, or until a carrier capable of providing reliable essential air service actually begins service, whichever occurs first; 1/
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 its audit and examination 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, Atlantic Southeast Airlines, Inc., Express Airlines I, Inc., d/b/a Northwest Airlinck, and Nashville Eagle, Inc., d/b/a American Eagle.

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:

JOHN V. COLEMAN
Director
Office of Aviation Analysis

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1/ We will continue to extend ASA's service obligation for successive 30-day periods, as necessary, until replacement service actually begins.