



U.S. Department of
Transportation

Office of the Secretary
of Transportation

400 Seventh St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

April 9, 2003

Mr. Robert P. Silverberg
Counsel for Atlantic Coast Jet, LLC
Silverberg, Goldman & Bikoff, LLP
Georgetown Place, Ste 120
1101 30th St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20007

2003 APR 10 A 10:51
DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION
DOCKETS

Dear Mr. Silverberg:

OST-99-6249-19

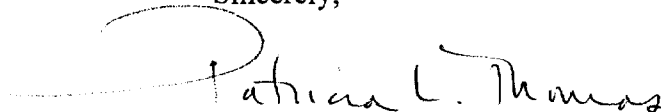
By Order 2002-7-23, issued July 12, 2002, the Department granted Atlantic Coast Jet, LLC (ACJ) a six-month waiver (through January 1, 2003) of the revocation-for-dormancy provisions of section 204.7 of our rules so that ACJ's economic certificate authority would not be revoked as provided for in that rule. On December 23, at ACJ's request, we granted the carrier an additional three-month extension through April 1, 2003.

By letter dated March 18, 2003, ACJ requested a further extension of the revocation-for-dormancy date. In support of its request, the carrier states that the company's parent, Atlantic Coast Airlines Holdings, Inc., is in the final states of planning for ACJ to resume operations under its certificate. According to the carrier, however, events surrounding the airline industry over the recent past--including the bankruptcy of United Airlines and concerns about the outbreak of hostilities--have affected the timing of ACJ's plans to resume operations. Thus, it asks that its revocation-for-dormancy date be extended through June 30, 2004. In connection with its request, ACJ further committed to providing the Department with at least six-months notice of its intent to resume operations, at which time it will also provide information establishing the company's fitness to do so. Shortly before submitting its request for an extension, ACJ also informally briefed the staff about its future plans and it appears that the carrier is making progress towards resuming air carrier operations.

Under the circumstances, we have decided to grant ACJ an extension through December 31, 2003, which is six months prior to the requested June 30, 2004, date, to provide the Department with notice of its intent to resume operations (and required updated fitness information). If ACJ is not able to file such notice and fitness information by that date, we plan to revoke its certificate authority at that time.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact Delores King of my staff at 202-366-2343.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia L. Thomas". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name.

Patricia L. Thomas
Chief, Air Carrier Fitness Division
Office of Aviation Analysis

cc: Mr. Thomas Moore, President
Atlantic Coast Jet, Inc.
45200 Business Court
Dulles, Virginia 20166

Mr. George Galo
Federal Aviation Administration
Flight Standards District Office
44965 Aviation Drive, Ste. 112
Dulles, Virginia 20166

Docket OST-99-6249