

**BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

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CHAUTAUQUA AIRLINES, INC.)	Docket OST-2000-_____
)	
of termination of service at)	
Staunton, Virginia)	

NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF SERVICE

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Chautauqua Airlines, Inc. ("Chautauqua") hereby gives notice of its intent to terminate all of its service at Staunton, Virginia after April 1, 2000.¹

After Chautauqua's termination of service, Staunton will continue to receive substantially more than the level of service established by the Department as essential.² Based upon published information, effective April 2, 2000, Atlantic Coast Airlines, Inc., ("ACA") operating as United Express, will commence six daily³ nonstop roundtrip flights between Staunton and Washington Dulles International Airport, using Jetstream 32 Aircraft, offering 114 seats each way

¹ Although Chautauqua believes that it is not technically required to submit a termination notice under Part 323 of the Department's regulations or under 49 U.S.C. 41734 because Staunton will continue to receive more than the level of essential air service after Chautauqua's termination, as a courtesy to the community and the Department, Chautauqua has determined to file this Notice.

² By Order 94-5-7, the Department established Staunton's essential air service to be at least two daily nonstop round trips to Washington, D.C., providing a minimum of 66 seats in each direction.

³ Five flights will operate seven days per week. One flight will operate six days per week.

each day. See attached ACA Press Release, which sets forth ACA's planned schedules. As a result, Staunton will receive more than three times the level of EAS frequencies and almost twice the level of EAS seats to and from ACA's and United's hubs at Washington-Dulles.

In light of ACA's published schedules showing that on April 2, 2000, Staunton will continue to receive more than its EAS service levels, there is no basis in law or policy for the Department to prevent Chautauqua from terminating service after April 1, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have caused a copy of the foregoing Notice of Termination of service to be served this 17th day of February, 2000, upon each of the following persons.

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