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Subject: Adak Essential Air Service Docket 8556

Re: State of Alaska Comments, June 18, 2001

Dear Mr. DeVany:

Evergreen International Airlines (EZ) would like to offer the following comments regarding the above Docket and State of Alaska comments regarding the Adak airport navigation aids and weather.

Our experience operating in difficult environments in a safe and efficient manner is one of EZ greatest assets. Our advanced training of flight crews and state of the art electronic systems such as being the first all cargo airlines to use the Global Positioning System as primary navigation has proven our reliability time after time.

EZ has been working with the FAA for weeks seeking approval for the use of the special ILS Z runway 23 approach to Adak airport. The approval process is near completion and only requires additional performance climb data. Our approval was accelerated based on our current special training requirements that we have used for the airports at Ketchikan, Juneau and Sitka, all of which have weather pattern similar to Adak. Our flight crews have successfully operated in southeastern Alaska for almost 10 years without incident. The approach in Juneau is far more challenging than Adak and our reduced minimum requirements allow EZ to operate at 99 % on time.

EZ expects to complete a high percentage of our scheduled flights. On time performance is the key to a successful operation. EZ has a history of meeting the schedules set forth by our customer even if additional costs are incurred. We will complete the flights even it means delaying in Cold Bay or Anchorage until the weather does improve to permit completion of the flight in a safe manner.

If granted the EAS for Adak we will complete our contractual obligations in compliance with all FAA regulations.

Sincerely,

John Irwin  
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