

Community Response
CITY OF MERCED

"Gateway to Yosemite"

Docket OST-98-3521-8

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Dear Mr. DeVany:

This is in response to your letter dated August 27, 2001 regarding Order 2001-5-15 requesting proposals for Essential Air Service to the City of Merced. We appreciate the opportunity to comment concerning the Eagle Canyon Airlines, Inc., dba Scenic Airlines, proposal. Mr. Norman A. Freeman, CEO, of Scenic Airlines, and members of his staff visited Merced on September 10, 2001 and again on Wednesday, September 26, 2001 to meet with members of our staff and interested community groups and organizations to discuss their proposal.

At a special meeting held Wednesday, September 26, 2001, the Merced Municipal Airport Authority unanimously supported the Scenic proposal and recommended submitting the proposal to the City Council for consideration.

City Council Members, at their meeting of Monday, October 1, 2001, adopted a motion "approving the Eagle Canyon Airlines, Inc., dba Scenic Airlines, proposal for Essential Air Service to Merced and authorized the City Manager to sign a letter of support to the Department of Transportation."

Thank you again for providing us with an opportunity to comment.

Respectfully,

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