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Petition for Air Carrier Docket OST-1998-3508
Selection Proceeding



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Mr. DeVany,

By this letter, the City of Cortez hereby petitions the Essential Air Service program for replacement of Great Lakes Airlines (GLA). As of this date, GLA is in arrears to the Cortez Municipal Airport in the amount of \$18,215. This represents eight months of rent and seven months of landing fees unpaid. This represents 15% of our annual revenue. Numerous promises of payment have been met with disappointment. We can no longer operate under these conditions and are not in a position to "subsidize" GLA further.

We understand that the EAS contract for GLA expires September 30, 2002, and that the Request For Proposals would be issued this summer. We respectfully request that this process be implemented immediately, so as not to financially burden the City of Cortez any longer than necessary. We find that GLA's ability to be financially viable in the future, suspect at best.

Please respond to our request at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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