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Mr. Dennis J. DeVany
Chief, Essential Air Service Division, X-53
Office of Aviation Analysis
400 Seventh St. S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. DeVany: OST-98-4706-27

The City of Gallup has received notices from both AEX and Arizona Express informing us of their objections to other airlines being allowed to modify their original Gallup service proposals under the EAS program.

On behalf of the Gallup City Council, I reiterate that our community wants and needs service to Phoenix. This has been shown historically as well as through the response of the community to questionnaires and local news media articles.

It is our understanding that the Department of Transportation uses criteria including schedule, type of aircraft, average airfares, hubs and others to determine what best serves a particular community.

The City Council and I, the Gallup Airport Advisory Committee and the Community of Gallup stand ready to assist you in making that determination. You are certainly welcome here if it would help in your deliberation. Members of Council and I are ready to come to Washington if that would better serve your needs.

Please contact me if we may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

John Pena
Mayor

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