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Dennis DeVany  
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U.S. Department of Transportation  
400 Seventh Street, S.W.

Washington, D.C., 20590

**Re: Essential Air Service at ADAK, Alaska**


Dear Mr. DeVany:

On behalf of Peninsula Airways, I am writing to respond to Evergreen International Airlines' June 26, 2002 letter.

Evergreen has defaulted on the combi-jet service proposal which formed the basis of its selection in Order 2001-7-3. Evergreen's new proposal to utilize a wet-leased DC-9 aircraft instead of the B 727 aircraft originally proposed is unacceptable and should be firmly rejected by the Department. So too should the Department reject Evergreen's request for yet more time to institute service.

Penair has been operating essential air service at ADAK since December 2000, when Reeve suddenly and precipitously terminated service to that community. Penair stands ready, willing and able to continue to meet the essential air service needs of ADAK. It is time for the Department to end the cloud of uncertainty over the service requirements of this community. The Department should immediately reopen its carrier selection determination and invite Penair and other interested carriers to file proposals.

Sincerely yours,



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Counsel for Peninsula Airways, Inc.

cc: Orin Seybert