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ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH

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Re: Adak, Alaska
Essential Air Service
Docket OST-8556 -47

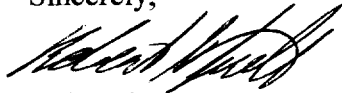
Dear Mr. DeVany,

Several months ago, the Aleutians East Borough wrote supporting Evergreen International Airlines' application to provide Essential Air Service to Adak even though Adak is outside of the Borough's boundaries. From the Borough's prospective, Evergreen's proposal to provide large aircraft service to Adak through Cold Bay twice a week would begin to restore a level of service lost to our region with the demise of Reeve Aleutian Airways.

The Aleutians East Borough and its residents have waited patiently for Evergreen to commence the 727-200 combi service. There was a flurry of activity on Evergreen's part at the beginning of 2002 that we interpreted to mean that the proposed combi service was about to begin. However, nothing has happened in the intervening six months that leads us to believe that Evergreen will begin the proposed passenger and freight service.

The Aleutians East Borough is joining the City of Adak and the Aleut Corporation in calling upon the Essential Air Service Division to hold Evergreen International Airlines to their Essential Air Service proposal or rescind the order dividing the Essential Air Service between Evergreen and Pen Air and to call for new proposals.

Sincerely,



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