



**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

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on the 23rd day of January, 2003

Essential air service at

**CENTRAL, ALASKA
CIRCLE, ALASKA**

under 49 U.S.C. 41731 *et seq.*

Served: January 28, 2003

Docket OST-1998-3621

ORDER SETTING INTERIM SUBSIDY RATE

Summary

By this order, the Department is extending as an interim rate the recently expired subsidy rate for the essential air service (EAS) provided by Warbelow's Air Ventures, Inc. (Warbelow's), at Central and Circle, Alaska, until a new final rate can be established.

Background and Decision

By Order 2000-10-5, October 3, 2000, Warbelow's was selected to provide subsidized EAS at Central and Circle for the two-year period through June 30, 2002. The rate has expired without our having established a new rate. Consequently, it is necessary for us to extend the expired rate as an interim rate in order to ensure that Warbelow's will continued to be paid for its services, and until we can establish a new final rate retroactive to July 1, 2002. The new final rate may be higher, lower or the same as the rate we are extending here.

This order is issued under authority delegated in 14 CFR 385.12(k)(2).

ACCORDINGLY,

1. We extend the subsidy rate for Warbelow's Air Ventures, Inc., for the provision of essential air service at Central and Circle, Alaska, as established by Order 2000-10-5, as an interim rate, subject to retroactive adjustment to July 1, 2002, until further Department action;
2. We direct Warbelow's Air Ventures, Inc., to retain all books, records, and other source and summary documentation to support claims for payment, and to preserve and maintain such documentation in a manner that readily permits its audit and examination by representatives of the Department. Such documentation shall be retained for seven years or until the Department indicates that the records may be destroyed. Copies of flight logs for aircraft sold or disposed of must be retained. The carrier may forfeit its compensation for any claim that is not supported under the terms of this order;
3. This docket will remain open until further order of the Department; and
4. We will serve a copy of this order on the Circle Village Council, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, the Governor of Alaska, and Warbelow's Air Ventures.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of this order under the Department's Regulations, 14 CFR 385.50, must file such petitions within ten days after the date of service of this order.

This order will be effective immediately, and the filing of a petition for review shall not preclude its effectiveness.

By:

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