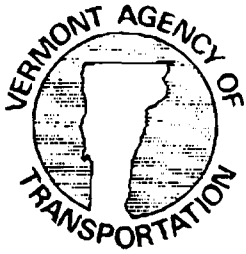


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RE: Essential Air Service Program, Termination of Subsidy at Rutland
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Enclosure: Cape Air letter dated June 20, 2003

Please accept this letter as a transmittal of the enclosed Nantucket Airlines dba as Cape Air Letter of Interest in providing scheduled air service at the Rutland Airport.

I am requesting that you enter the Cape Air letter into the Rutland Docket Referenced above. The content of the letter indicates interest in providing an air service proposal consistent with the \$200 per passenger statutory limit. Since the Rutland Community and Airport Sponsor have expressed an interest in alternative air service, I believe this letter is relevant and applies to the Objections already contained in the Docket.

Sincerely,


Thomas Trudeau
Airport Manager

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June 20, 2003

Dear Mr. Trudeau,

I am pleased to inform you that Cape Air is interested in providing scheduled air service at Rutland as part of the Essential Air Service (E.A.S.) program.

Should E.A.S. consider Cape Air in conjunction with the local Rutland community, we are prepared to provide three round-trip flights a day to Boston, MA with the Cessna 402 aircraft, to commence late summer this year. Cape Air can provide a full host of Airline services to include good connectivity at hub airports, interline ticketing and baggage and worldwide booking accessibility through the Saber system. Cape Air presently provides E.A.S. service at Ponce, PR.

Even though the most recent historical numbers are very low at Rutland, Cape Air can still meet the E.A.S. \$200 maximum per person subsidy limit with our cost effective operation.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (508) 790-3122 ext. 502.

Sincerely,



W. Scott LaForge
Executive Vice President