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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
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Essential Air Service at

**GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA  
KEARNEY, NEBRASKA  
McCOOK, NEBRASKA  
NORFOLK, NEBRASKA  
NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA  
SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA**

**Docket OST-2002-13983  
Docket OST-1996-1715  
Docket OST-1997-3005  
Docket OST-1998-3704  
Docket OST-1999-5173  
Docket OST-2003-14535**

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

**Notice of Extension**

This serves as notice to the public of the action described below, taken by the Department official indicated. (No additional confirming order will be issued in this matter.)

By Order 2003-12-2, served December 5, 2003, the Department requested proposals from air carriers interested in providing essential air service at Grand Island, Kearney, McCook, Norfolk, North Platte, and Scottsbluff, Nebraska. Six air carriers submitted a total of 59 proposal options. By letter dated February 18, 2004, we requested comments on the air carrier selection from the Mayors and Airport Managers of the six Nebraska communities, as well as from the Director of the Nebraska Department of Aeronautics. We requested that these comments be submitted by March 18, 2004.

We have received a request dated February 25, 2004, from the Airport Manager of the Western Nebraska Regional Airport in Scottsbluff, requesting a seven-day extension for submitting the airport's comments. In support of his request, the Airport Manager states that the Airport Authority Board meeting is scheduled for March 18, the day comments are due.

Because we recognize that scheduled meetings of local governmental bodies may occur at inopportune times relative to our letter, we will grant this request. Many of the proposals for the six Nebraska points involve routings that link two or more essential air service communities, therefore we will grant all of the civic parties an additional week, until March 25, 2004, to submit their comments on the service proposals for their communities.

This action is effective immediately.

Action taken by: Dennis DeVany, Chief  
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