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Request for Extension

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Dennis DeVany
Chief, Essential Air Service Division, X-53
U. S. Department of Transportation
Office of Aviation Analysis
400 Seventh Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Request for Extension
Docket OST-1997-2958
Docket OST-2003-14536
Docket OST-1997-2959
Docket OST-1997-2981

Dear Dennis,

Great Lakes Aviation, Ltd. is formally requesting a seven-day extension to file proposals to provide EAS service to the above referenced points. The order, served February 12, 2004, required response within 30 days, or by March 15, 2004 (March 13, 2004 falls on a Saturday, pushing the response date back to the next weekday).

Great Lakes Aviation, Ltd. did not receive the order requesting proposals within 7 days of the service date, and in fact has yet to receive an original copy of the order from DOT. We were not informed of the issuance of the order and happened across the order on the DMS WEB over a week after it was issued. Despite the fact that we are the incumbent carrier currently providing service to these points, we are not on the service lists for Wyoming, nor some of the other states in which we provide, sometimes exclusively, the essential air service.

We feel that we need an additional 7 days, that we can have the same opportunity to develop proposals that other carriers, more timely served, have had. The one-week extension will allow us to fully analyze the markets and adequately develop service proposals to be delivered to US DOT.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

S/

Dave Thomas
VP Marketing and Planning
Great Lakes Aviation, Ltd.