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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Ninety day notice of  
GREAT LAKES AVIATION, LTD.  
of intent to terminate service  
at Fairmont, MN pursuant to  
Part 323 (14 CFR) and Section  
401 (j)(1) of the Federal Aviation  
Act of 1958, as amended.  
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Docket OST-97-2785

NOTICE OF GREAT LAKES AVIATION, LTD.  
TO TERMINATE ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICE  
AT FAIRMONT, MN

Pursuant to Section 401 (j) (1) of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958,  
as amended, Great Lakes Aviation, Ltd. hereby serves its notice of  
intent to terminate the scheduled air service it is providing at  
Fairmont, MN.

In accordance with Part 323 (14 CFR), Great Lakes Aviation, Ltd.  
supplies the following information:

- 1. Identification of carrier  
  
Great Lakes Aviation, Ltd.  
1965 330th Street  
Spencer, IA 51301

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directed to:

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2. At the time of the filing of this notice, Great Lakes Aviation, Ltd. is the sole carrier providing scheduled air service at Fairmont, MN.
3. The service being offered is as follows:

Flight#	From	Departure	To	Arrival	Frequency
6050	FRM	5:15a	MSP	7:14a	Ex Sa Su
5956	FRM	9:45a	MSP	11:44a	Sa Su only
5954	FRM	1:40p	MSP	3:29p	Ex Sa Su
5955	MSP	10:44a	FRM	12:34p	Ex Sa Su
5951	MSP	1:40p	FRM	3:29p	Sa only
5957	MSP	8:25p	FRM	10:14p	Ex Sa

FRM - Fairmont, MN

MSP - Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN International Airport

All flights operate nonstop in 19 seat Beech 1900 equipment.

4. The effective date of this notice is March 20, 1998.
5. The effective date of this intended termination is June 18, 1998 (the last day of scheduled service will be June 17, 1998).
6. Both Minneapolis/St. Paul and Sioux Falls are located within a close proximity to the Fairmont area and both are accessible entirely via interstate highways. With the recently approved higher speed limits, both airports provide convenient access to jet service to many destinations. Minneapolis/St. Paul also serves as a major hub for Northwest Airlines.
7. Great Lakes operates its Fairmont flights as United Express under a comprehensive marketing agreement with United Airlines. Because United's schedule service at Minneapolis/St. Paul is limited to flights to Chicago-O'Hare and Denver, itineraries involving United Express/United Airlines require a double connection between Fairmont and virtually every destination.
8. In spite of extensive efforts involving direct selling, advertising, fare sales and numerous promotions involving community leaders, revenues generated in the Fairmont-Minneapolis/St. Paul market are far short of the amounts projected under the current order establishing subsidy rates. Great Lakes Aviation is unable to sustain the continuing losses associated with serving this market.

9. The Department has made a determination of the level of essential air service for the point involved (Order 97-8-9) and Great Lakes's suspension of service will reduce service below the determined EAS level.
10. Objections, if any, to this Notice are due on April 9, 1998.

Respectfully submitted,



Douglas G. Voss  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Spencer, Iowa  
March 20, 1998