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Ed -

As we discussed, by Order 2004-6-14, the Department selected Colgan Air to continue providing Essential Air Service to the communities of Beckley and Bluefield, West Virginia for a two-year period, beginning August 1, 2004. The newly selected service option provides twelve round-trips a week to Washington's Dulles International airport with an additional six to Columbus, Ohio.

Colgan Air respectfully requests an extension of the current operating subsidy set forth in Order 2002-4-25 until September 12, 2004. As a US Airways Express carrier, Colgan Air is subject to the system schedule submission rules set forth by US Airways. The Order re-selecting Colgan was issued after the US Airways system schedule deadline for August. As such, the earliest possible date for transition to the new service option set forth by Order 2004-6-14 is September 13, 2004.

Colgan Air currently provides service to Beckley and Bluefield, West Virginia under Order 2002-4-25, issued April 29, 2002. The current service option requires 18 non-stop or one-stop round-trip flights each week between the two communities and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania or Washington's Dulles International airport.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

Patti Barth
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