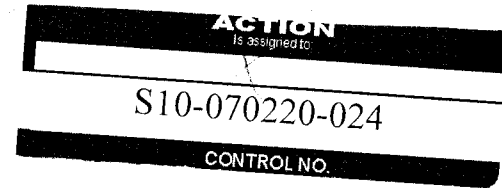


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The Honorable Mary Peters
Secretary
Department of Transportation
400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Application of AirTran Airways
OST-200-7182 - 1325

Dear Secretary Peters:

On January 29, 2007, AirTran Airways, Inc. applied to the Department of Transportation for two slot exemptions to add one daily nonstop low-fare roundtrip flight between Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport ("DCA") and Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport ("ATL"). The slots became available under Vision 100 – Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act, P.L. 108-176.

We fully support AirTran's request for the two slots for DCA-ATL service. AirTran Airways has had a significant impact on Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport ("PHF") by providing enormous savings for the residents and businesses of our community. AirTran provides important low fare service to PHF. The carrier now provides five (5) daily roundtrips between PHF and ATL and also provides service to and from New York/LaGuardia, Boston, Orlando, and Ft Lauderdale. AirTran's service has also stimulated the market and as a result, other carriers have added service in various markets. From year 2000 to year 2005, Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport was in the top three U.S. airports in passenger growth.

The additional DCA-ATL roundtrip is important to PHF because it will strengthen AirTran at ATL, an airport that provides many connecting options for Newport News/Williamsburg passengers. The new service will also strengthen AirTran's east coast presence and all of its markets, including those at PHF. This would increase the likelihood that PHF might eventually get service to DCA, one of the largest unserved markets.

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To achieve these results, we urge you to award AirTran the two within perimeter DCA slots it has requested to add a DCA-ATL roundtrip.

Sincerely,



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