



**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Issued by the Department of Transportation
on the 16th day of April, 2001

Essential Air Service at

YANKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA

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

Served: April 19, 2001

Docket OST-2000-8321-10

ORDER EXTENDING SERVICE OBLIGATION

Summary

By this order, the Department of Transportation is extending Great Lakes' service obligation at Yankton, South Dakota, through April 30, 2001.

Background

On November 15, 2000, Great Lakes Aviation, Ltd., d/b/a United Express (Great Lakes), filed a 90-day notice of its intent to terminate its scheduled service at Yankton, South Dakota, effective February 14, 2001. By Order 2001-2-7, the Department tentatively terminated Yankton's subsidy eligibility because the subsidy-per-passenger exceeded the \$200-per-passenger statutory ceiling but allowed a 20-day period for objections. We received community objections, and by Order 2001-4-6, April 4, 2001, the Department considered the objections and terminated Yankton's subsidy eligibility effective on or after April 30, 2001.

As required by 49 U.S.C. 41734, we have extended Great Lakes' service obligation for additional 30-day periods, the latest through April 16, 2001, by Order 2001-3-18.

This order is issued under authority assigned in 14 CFR 385.12(k)(5).

ACCORDINGLY,

1. We require Great Lakes Aviation, Ltd., d/b/a United Express, to maintain essential air service at Yankton, South Dakota, as set forth in Appendix B of Order 99-4-7, through April 30, 2001, at which time the community's subsidy eligibility will expire;
2. We direct Great Lakes to retain all books, records, and other source and summary documentation to support subsidy claims for payment, and to preserve and maintain such documentation in a manner that readily permits its audit and examination by

representatives of the Department. Such documentation shall be retained for seven years or until the Department indicates that the records may be destroyed. Copies of flight logs for aircraft sold or disposed of must be retained. The carrier may forfeit its compensation for any claim that is not supported under the terms of this order;

3. Docket OST-2000-8321 will remain open until further order of the Department; and

4. We will serve a copy of this order on the Mayor and Airport Manager of Yankton, South Dakota, and Great Lakes Aviation, Ltd., d/b/a United Express.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of this order under the Department's Regulations, 14 CFR 385.50, must file such petitions within ten (10) days after the date of service of this order.

This order will be effective immediately, and the filing of a petition for review shall not preclude its effectiveness.

By:

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