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Mr. Dennis DeVany
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400 Seventh St. S.W.
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Amendment to Carrier
Proposal

Docket OST-97-2827-7

Dear Dennis;

Please accept this writing as an amendment to our final proposal to provide scheduled air service to Ely, NV. and Moab, UT. We request that Alpine Air be allowed to substitute the Piper Navajo Chieftain for the Piper Cheyenne III, as a result of required Cheyenne III maintenance. Alpine flies the Piper Navajo Chieftain to keep the integrity of the flight schedule when the Cheyenne III is down for maintenance. We do not feel a penalty should be assessed against our subsidy claim because Alpine Air pays all fixed costs associated with the Piper Navajo Chieftain. Therefore, it costs Alpine approximately \$5,000/month just to make the aircraft available for the E.A.S. routes (lease & insurance), and we should not be asked to carry the additional burden of being penalized further.

Additionally, please reduce our amended Moab, UT E.A.S. subsidy by \$10,000.00/yr., not \$20,000.00/yr. as previously requested. I misunderstood that the amount of additional cargo income was for \$20,000.00 for two (2) years, not \$20,000.00 annually.

Thank you for allowing me to submit this amendment to our E.A.S. proposals.

Sincerely,

Eugene R. Mallette
C.E.O.,
Alpine Air