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Order 2000-5-26

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

Issued by the Department of Transportation  
on the 26th day of May, 2000

Essential air service at

**WILLISTON, NORTH DAKOTA**

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

Docket OST-1999-5177-17

**ORDER DISMISSING NOTICE**

On March 2, 1999, Great Lakes Aviation, Ltd., d/b/a United Express, filed a 90-day notice of intent to suspend its unsubsidized scheduled service at Williston, North Dakota, as of May 31, 1999. By Order 99-5-12, May 24, 1999, the Department prohibited Great Lakes from suspending service at Williston for 30 days beyond the end of the 90-day notice period, and requested proposals from carriers interested in providing replacement service. Both Great Lakes and Big Sky Transportation Co., d/b/a Big Sky Airlines, filed proposals in response to our request. In the meantime, we have extended Great Lakes' service obligation by a series of 30-day hold-in orders.

However, on May 19, 2000, Great Lakes withdrew its notice, indicating its intention to continue providing Williston with unsubsidized service and obviating the need for us to process a carrier replacement case. Under the circumstances, we will dismiss Great Lakes' 90-day notice and close the docket.

This order is issued under authority delegated in 49 CFR 1.56a(f).

**ACCORDINGLY,**

1. We dismiss the 90-day notice of intent to suspend service at Williston, North Dakota, filed by Great Lakes Aviation, Ltd., d/b/a United Express, and close Docket OST-1999-5177; and
2. We will serve copies of this order on the mayor and airport manager of Williston, North Dakota, the North Dakota Department of Transportation, Big Sky Transportation Co.,

d/b/a Big Sky Airlines, and Great Lakes Aviation, Ltd., d/b/a United Express.

By:

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