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Mr. Ed Neiderberger  
EAS & Domestic Analysis Division  
Office of Aviation Analysis  
US Department of Transportation  
400 Seventh St. SW  
Washington, DC 20590

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Dear Mr. Neiderberger:

This letter will follow-up our telephone discussion of this date whereby effective after September 30, 2001 Big Sky Airlines will discontinue service at Mountain Home, AR and St. Louis, MO. This action is required following the tragic events that occurred on Tuesday, September 11, 2001 that has caused a significant reduction in passenger traffic and future passenger bookings. We are not able to absorb the financial losses we are experiencing in these markets.

As of October 1, 2001 we will modify our service between Harrison and Hot Springs, AR to and from Dallas/Ft. Worth (DFW), TX. We will operate three (3) round trip flights between these points each business day and three flights over each weekend. Enclosed is a copy of this new schedule.

The community of Harrison was contacted for their input on the change of the service pattern that would provide only service to and from DFW with one enroute stop. Layne Wheeler, with the Harrison Chamber approved the service pattern change and was to confirm this in writing to you.

We request that we be paid the same annual subsidy compensation for the new service pattern that begins on October 1, 2001 as we did under the prior service pattern. We are not able to absorb any reduction in subsidy compensation. Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please call me at 406.247.3912.

Sincerely,

Craig Denney  
Executive VP

BIG SKY AIRLINES  
 NEW HRO & HOT SCHEDULE  
 EFFECTIVE 10-01-01

GQ 1317 SWM X7  
       HRO 0740  
 0815 HOT 0830  
 0948 DFW

GQ 1302 SWM X7  
       DFW 0800  
 0910 HOT 0925  
 1000 HRO

GQ 1303 SWM X7  
       HRO 1030  
 1105 HOT 1120  
 1238 DFW

GQ 1310 SWM X6  
       DFW 1330  
 1440 HOT 1455  
 1530 HRO

GQ 1311 SWM X6  
       HRO 1600  
 1635 HOT 1650  
 1808 DFW

GQ 1316 SWM X6  
       DFW 1950  
 2100 HOT 2115  
 2150 HRO