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Mr. Dennis J. DeVany, Chief  
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Dear Mr. DeVany:

I am writing to you in response to your letter to Mr. Jerry Rock dated May 31, 2002, in which you refer to Evergreen International Airlines' (EIA) selection under Order 2001-7-3.

As you know EIA has been operating a DC9F aircraft over the route ANC-ADK-CDB-ANC since the inception of this service. The economic conditions, up until the Postal Service tendered mail on March 06, 2002, have not been favorable to EIA, though this company has continued to provide service to the city of Adak. We have, I think, shown loyalty to the provision of service.

Since being selected to provide service EIA has diligently pursued the acquisition of a combi-jet aircraft. These aircraft proved to be difficult to locate in the market and those which were available were not in a particularly good maintenance status. EIA sent inspection teams to view various aircraft and their records including B737-100 and B727-200 aircraft, however we were unsuccessful in locating a suitable aircraft.

To date we have continued to search for passenger aircraft to fulfill the desired role, again however this has taken time and, unfortunately we do not see us being successful in such an acquisition by the deadline of service introduction.

However, what EIA has decided to do is to wet lease in DC9 Passenger capacity, on a temporary basis. This aircraft will have belly holds for freight, plus passenger seats on the main deck. EIA expects to introduce this service within the next month, and expects to continue it for a period of at least three months, until EIA itself is able to acquire an aircraft of its own and add it to its certificate.

EIA has, in our opinion and still is, demonstrating due diligence in satisfying the requirement under this contract. Market conditions for aircraft, plus the events of September 11<sup>th</sup> which

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culminated in new security directives being imposed on the carriage of freight and mail on combination aircraft, have both proven tortuous in the pursuit of our goal.

We would once again ask that both the DOT and the community bear with EIA for another 30 days until such time as it finalizes a Wet Lease Agreement with a passenger carrier. EIA intends to continue the current service it offers to the community uninterrupted pending finalization of its plans.

Yours Sincerely,  
**EVERGREEN INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES, INC.**

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